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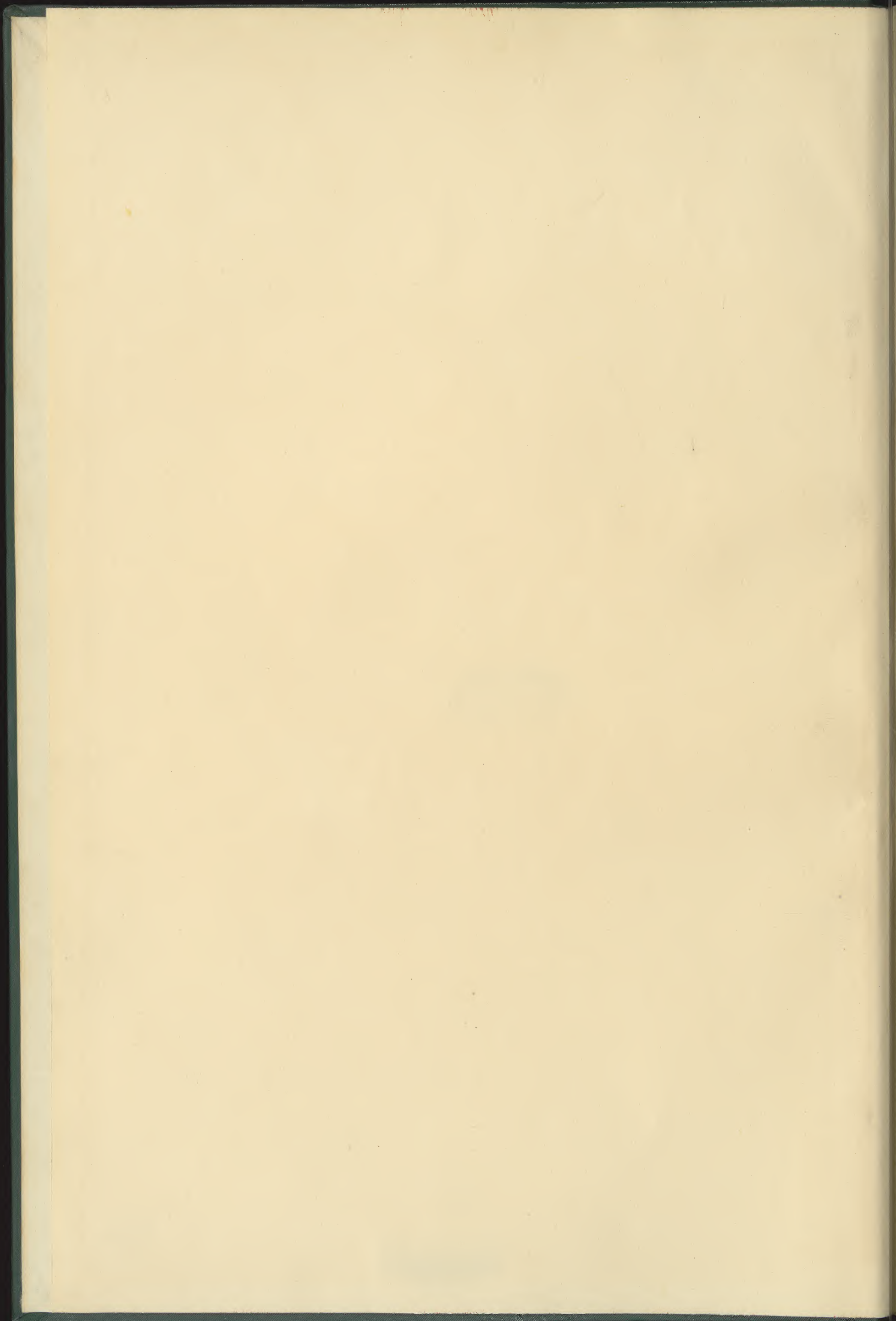
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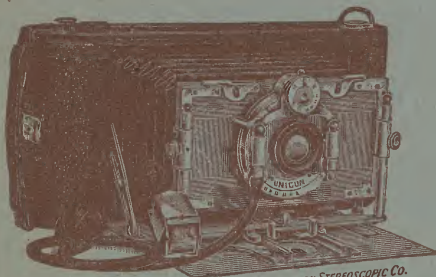
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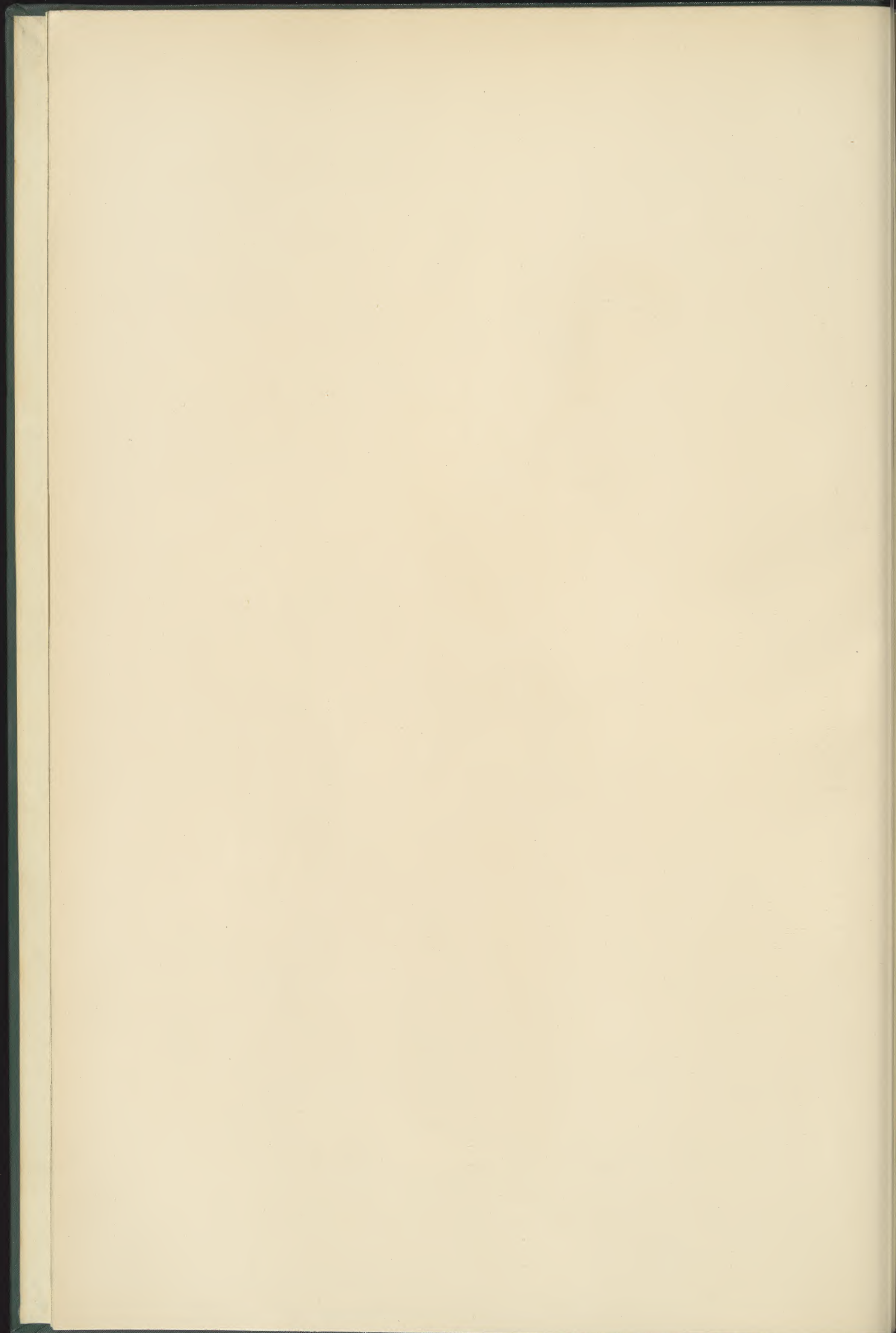


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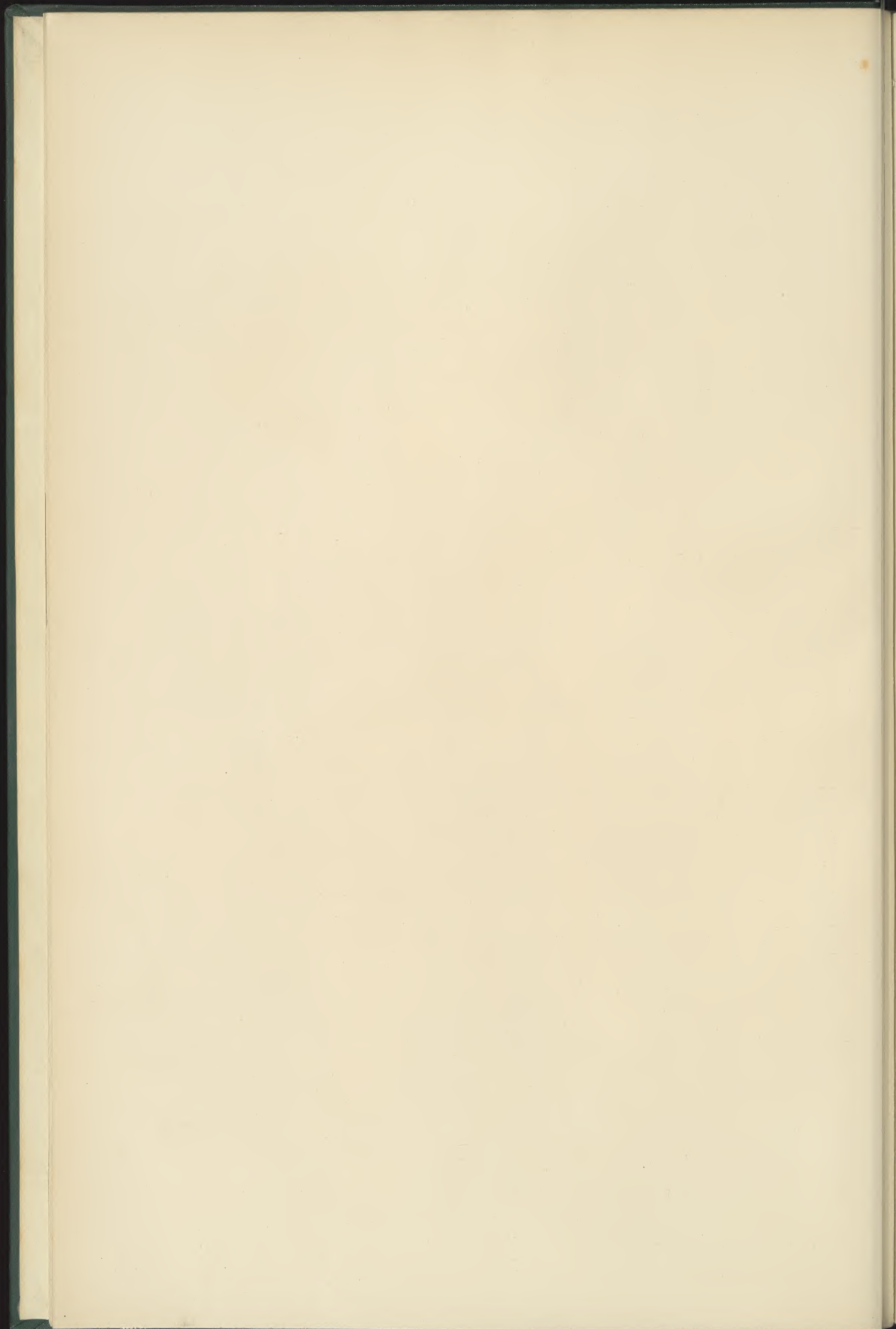
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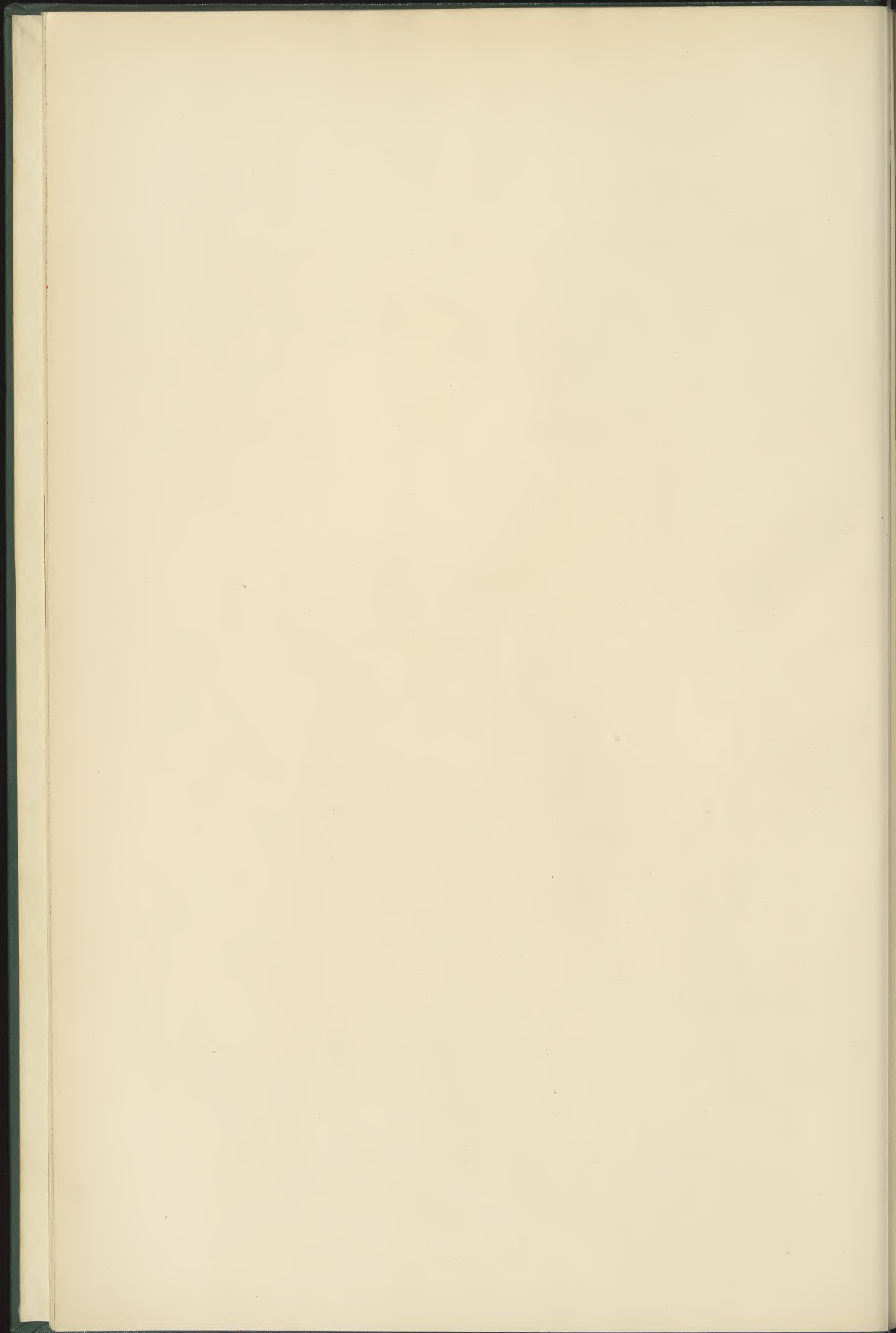
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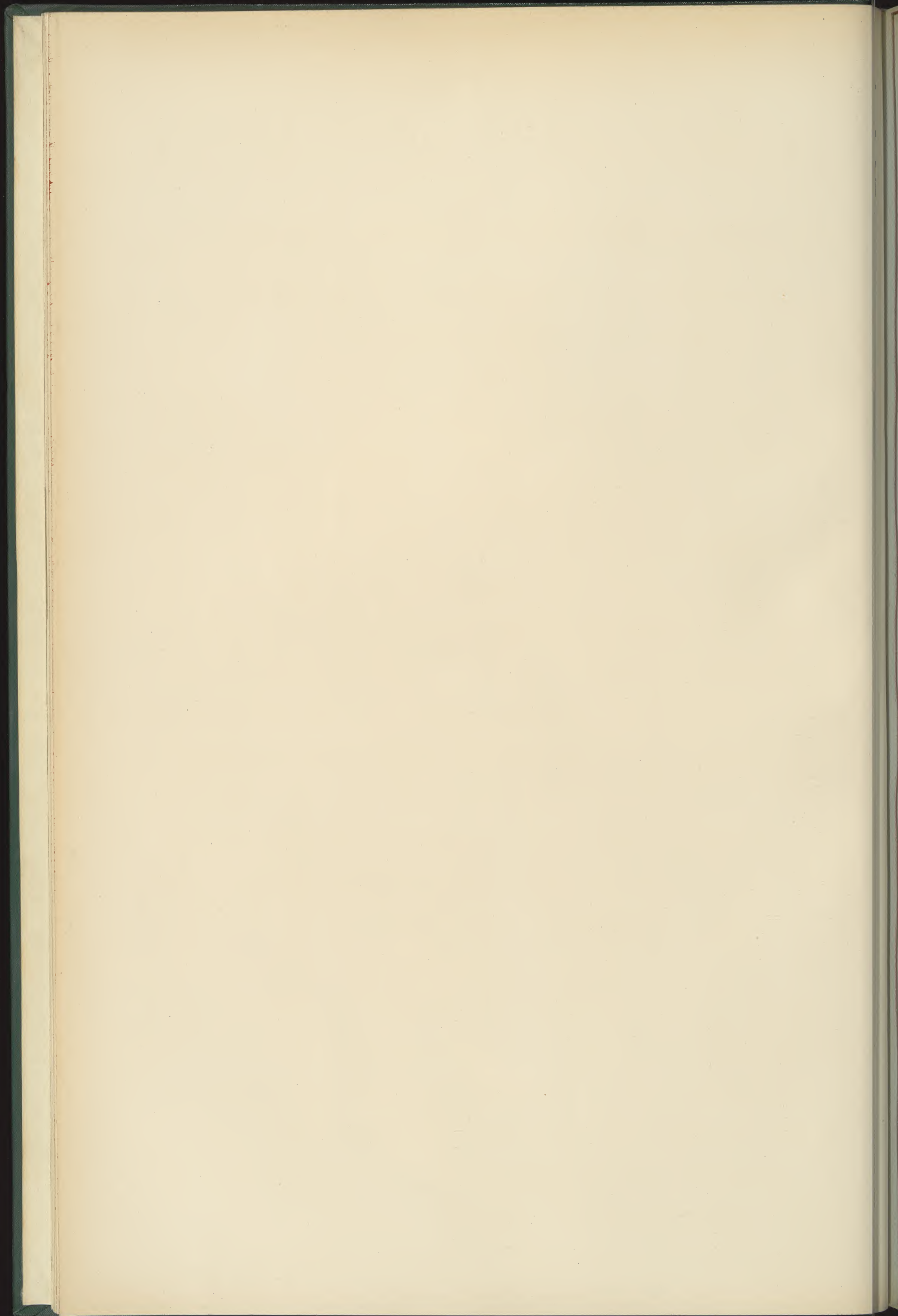


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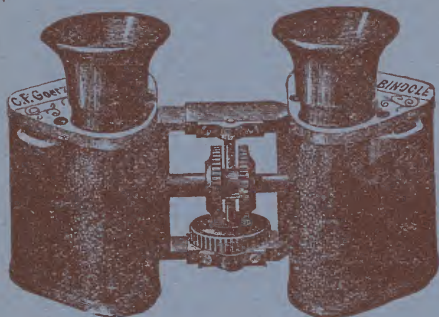
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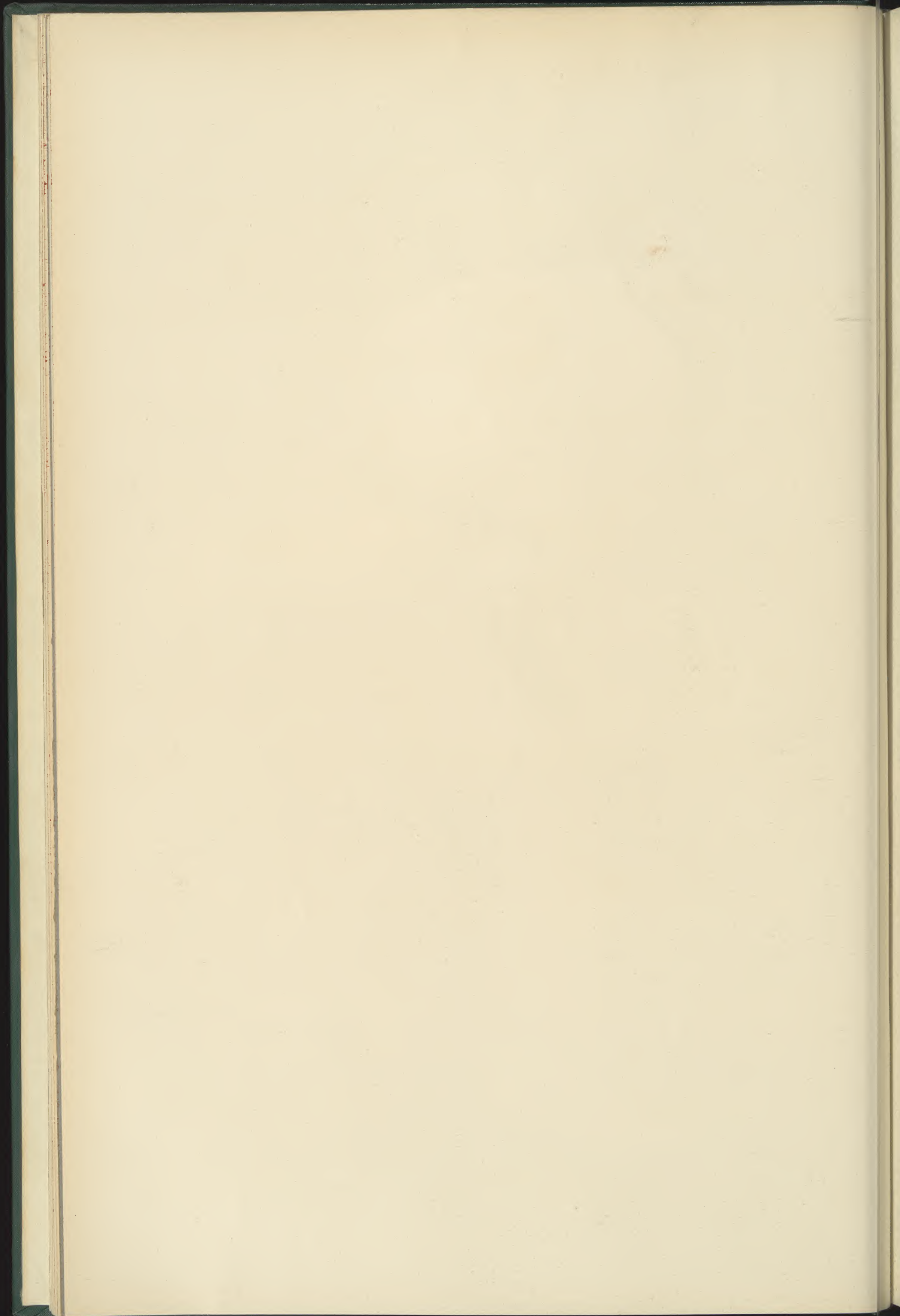
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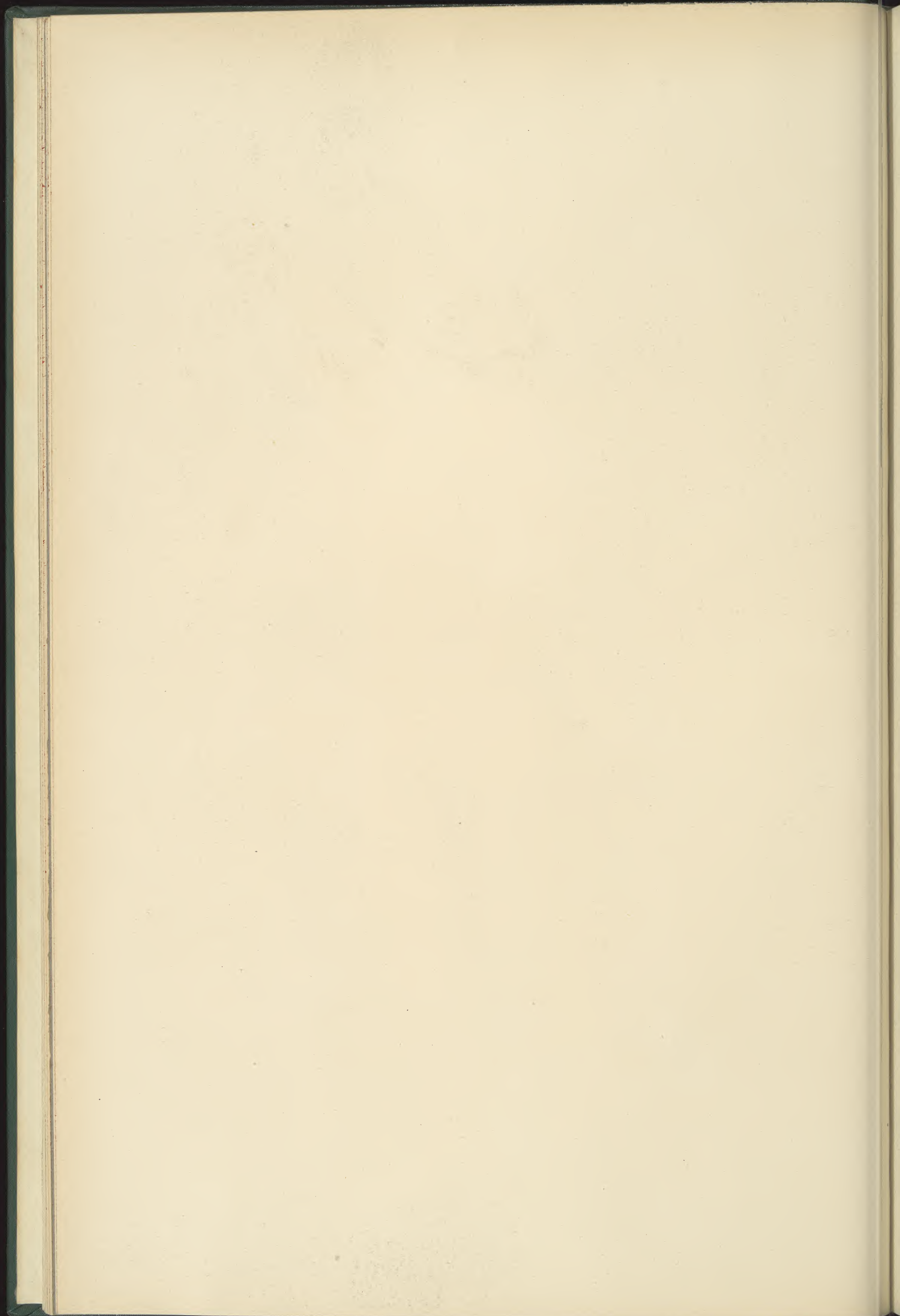
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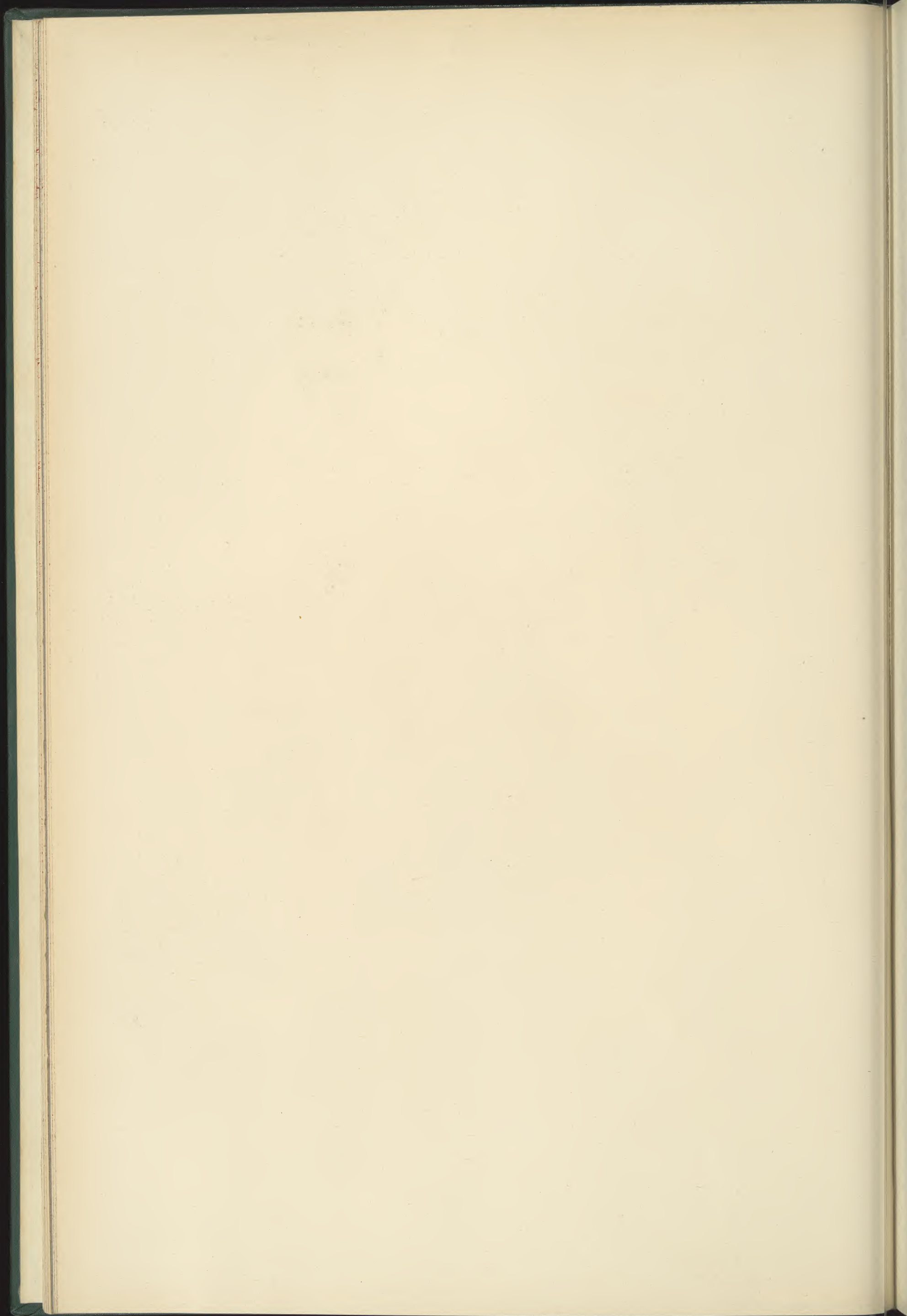


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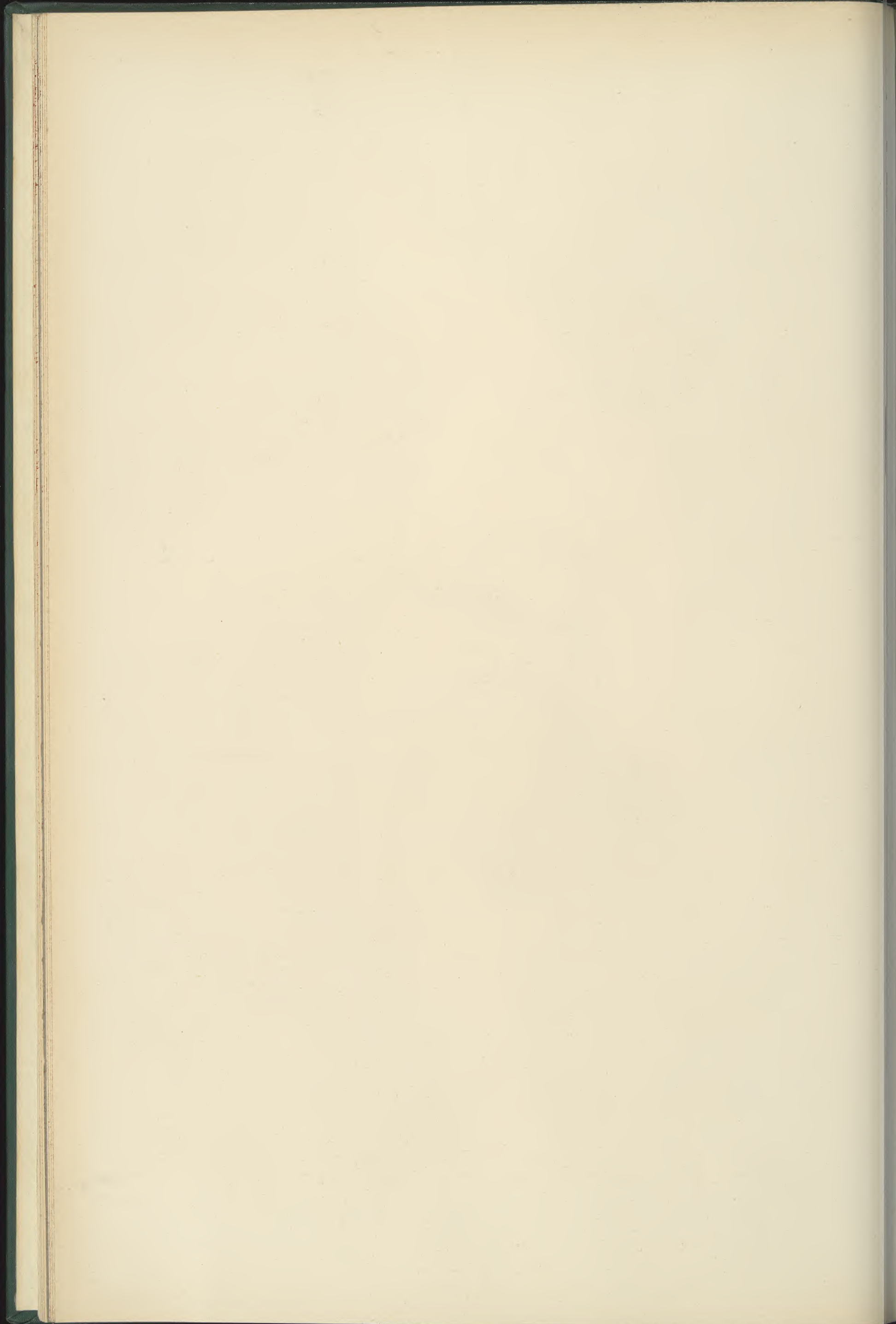


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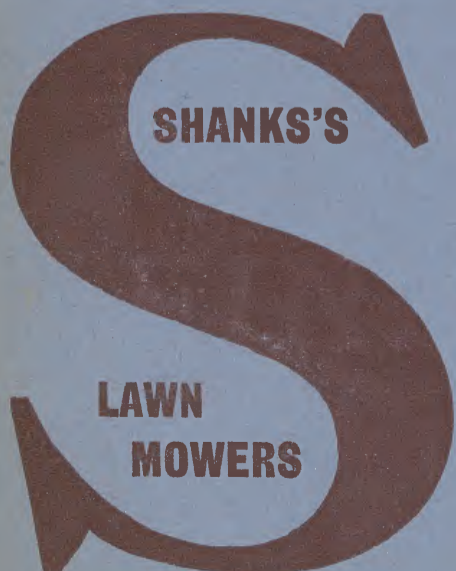
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Lord Harris.

—KENT.—

Playing a break back on a slow wicket.



WHAT strikes one at once, on looking at some of the photographs of this fine cricketer, taken while at the height of his fame, is the fact, that his position at the wicket was distinct from most of his confrères. There was no struggling to conform to the then recognised canons of style—left elbow facing the bowler, &c. Lord Harris's stand was the very acme of ease and grace, and reminds one of many of the greatest players of the present day. The head is turned to face the bowler, as does the upper part of the body from the hips. Spofforth used to notice and utilise to his own advantage those batsmen who did not face him with both eyes! In 1879 Lord Harris took an English team out to Australia, and he has also represented England in four Test Matches, making 145 runs, with an average of 29. In his early days he represented Eton v. Harrow, and Oxford v. Cambridge, and captained the Kent XI. for several years.

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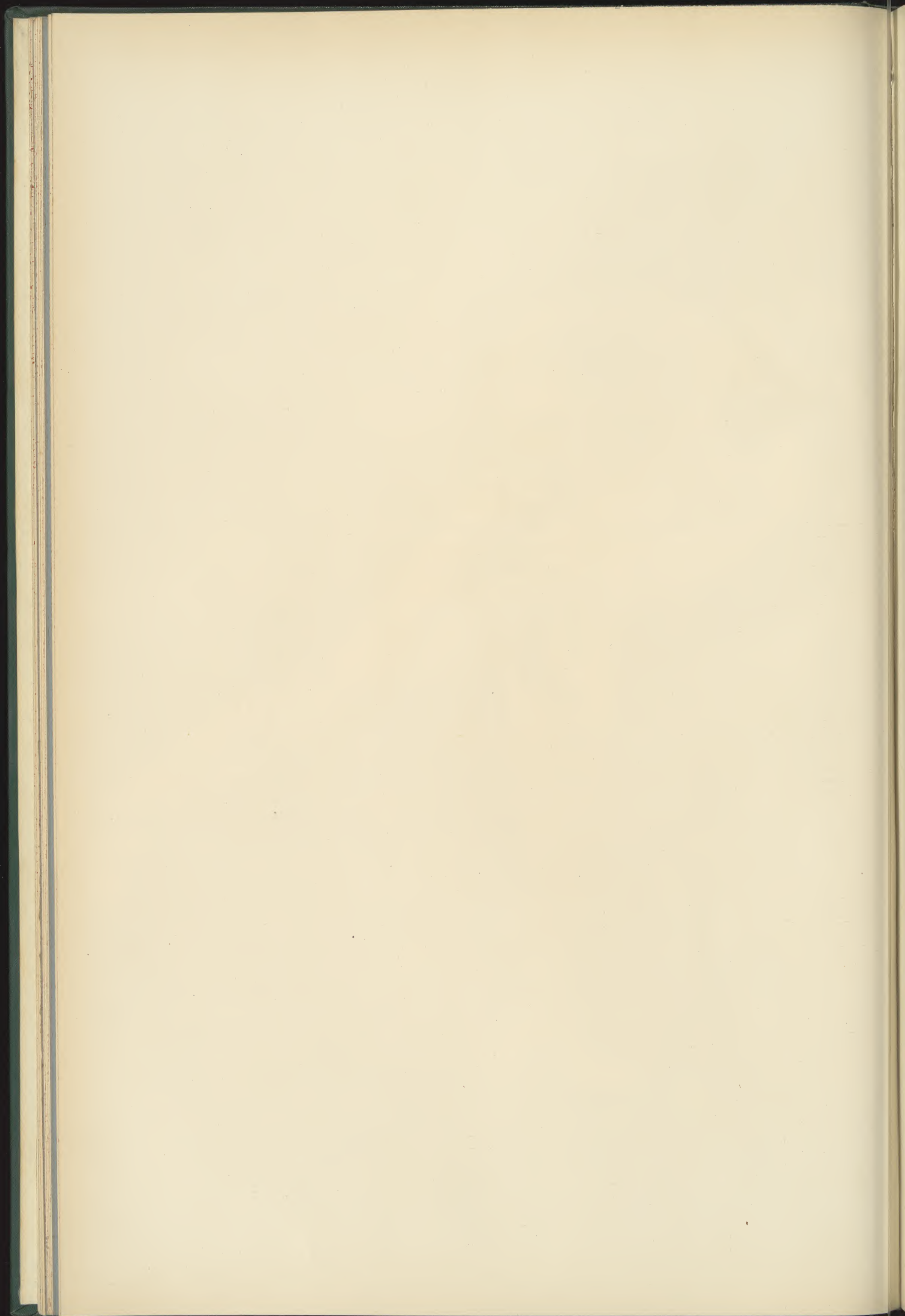
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A. H. Wallis Taylor
1905.



Mr. Reginald H. Spooner.

LANCASHIRE.

Born October 21, 1880.

Finish of Off-drive along the Ground.



THIS dashing young Lancashire batsman gave great promise as a schoolboy when still at Marlborough, and he is very likely to reward the careful coaching he received from that fine all-round Cantab, E. C. Streatfeild, by becoming an England Player, and he has, let us hope, many years of cricket before him. He first played for his county, while still at Marlborough, in 1899. He has represented England not only in the South African war, but also on the Rigger field. He also played racquets for his school. It will therefore be seen that cricket is not his only game. He has a charming personality and is a great favourite with all. As a cricketer he is a batsman of the 'wristy' order, and when he gets going scores freely all round the wicket with apparent ease and grace. In fielding he has developed into one of the very best cover-points now playing. He had a good deal to do with Lancashire's success when they were Champion County in 1904, scoring five centuries and having an average of 48. If he keeps going, some day, and perhaps soon, he will represent England at cricket.

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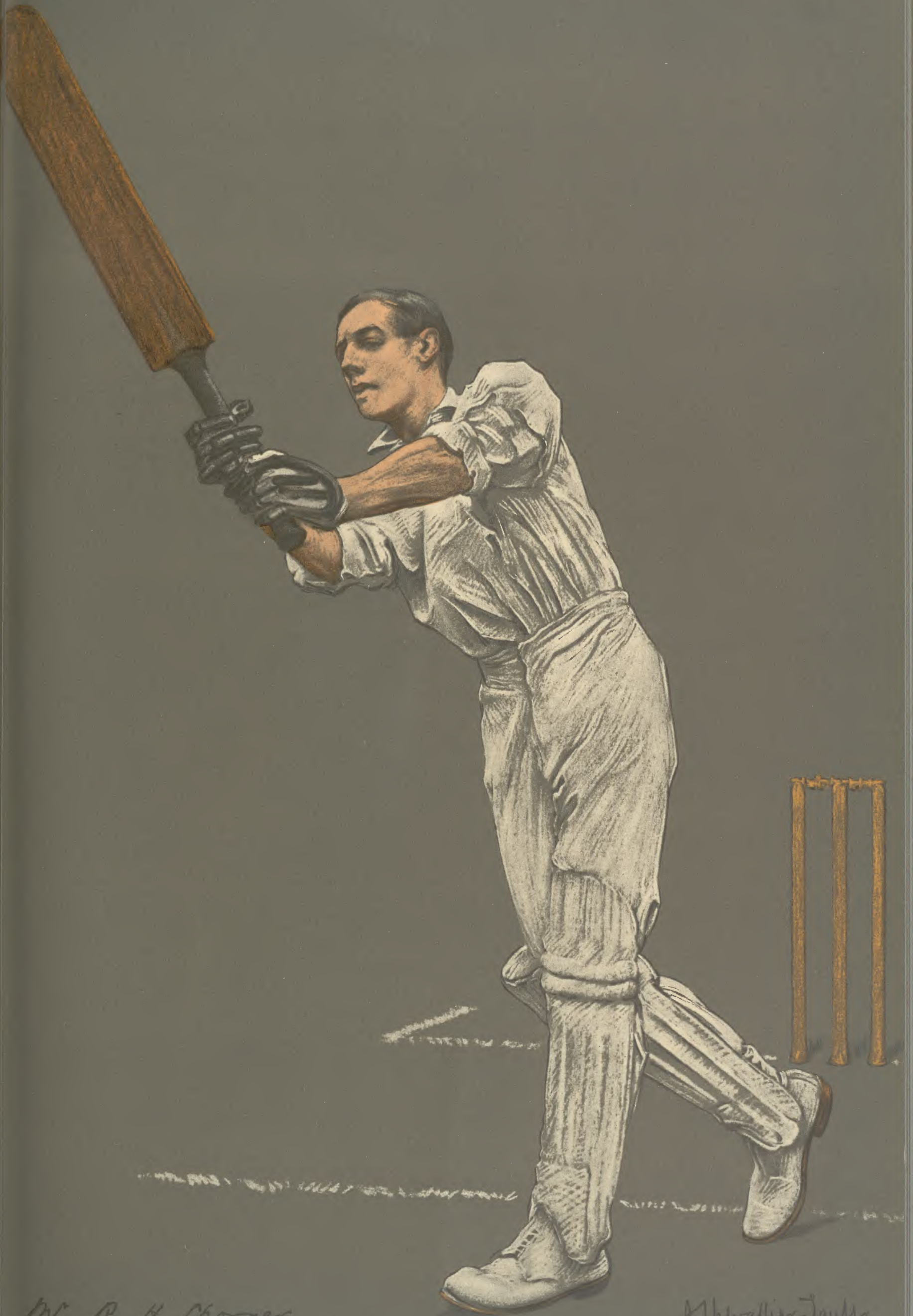
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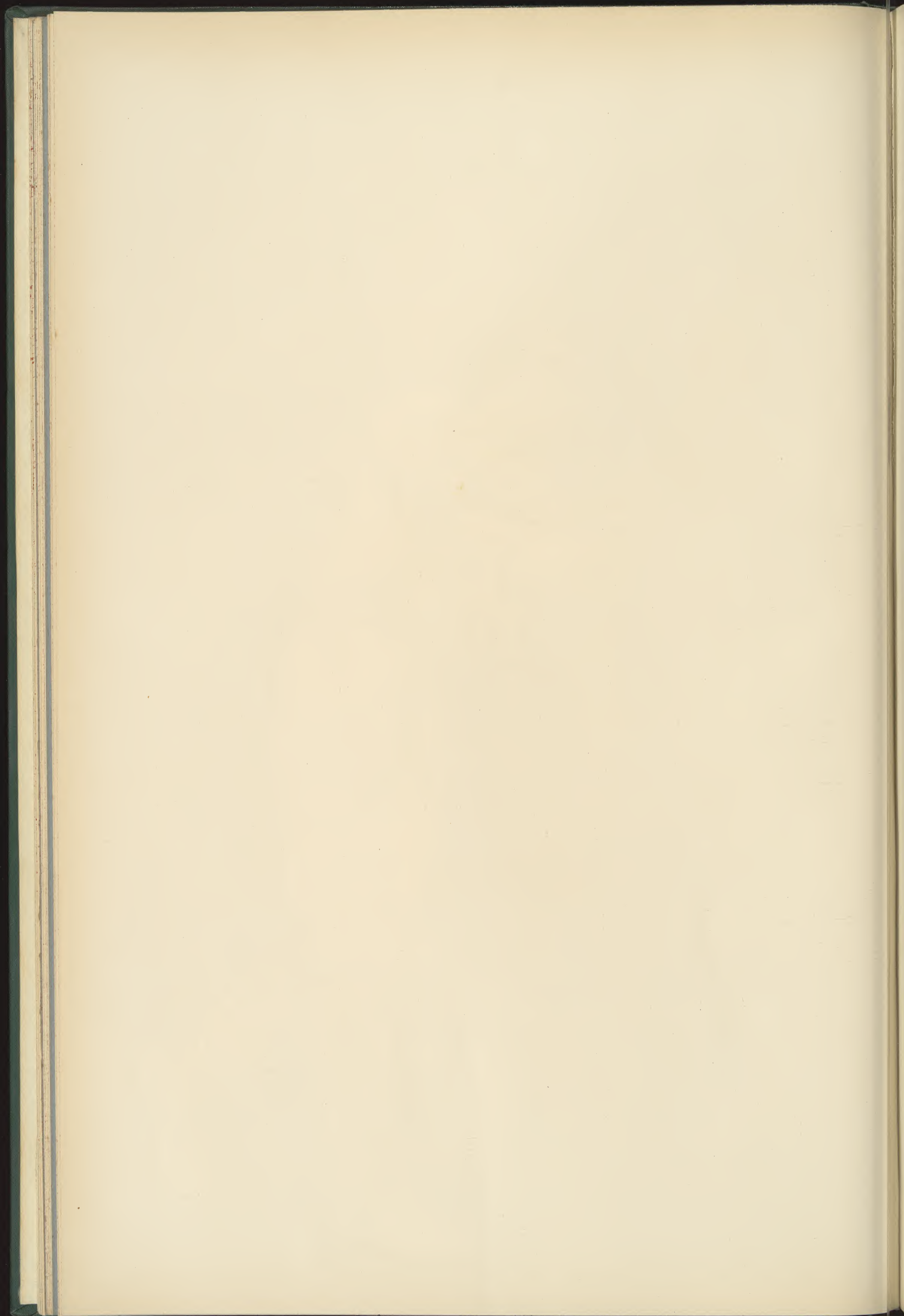


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Schofield Haigh.

— YORKSHIRE. —

About to deliver.



BORN near Huddersfield, March 19, 1871, he first played for Yorkshire in 1896. He was previously engaged in Scotland with the Aberdeen Club. Had he not been forced by circumstances to play second fiddle to Rhodes and Hirst, he would no doubt have proved to the cricket world that he is an even greater bowler than his performances show him to be. At any rate, good as are his bowling figures since he played for Yorkshire, his performances are all the greater when one considers that he generally goes on as a change bowler. Of course there is also the other side of the question to be considered, that he is not called upon, as a rule, unless the wicket is likely to suit him. Possibly his best year was 1902, when he headed the bowling averages with 158 wickets, average $12\frac{1}{2}$ apiece. He bowls right hand, rather above medium pace, and utilises his wonderful off-break to such advantage that there is possibly no bowler in England who so often beats the bat and hits the sticks. He is the soul of good nature and most popular with all. The one surprising thing in his career is the fact that he has not yet represented England; as he is a decidedly good bat, especially at a pinch, and a safe field, this honour may not be far off.

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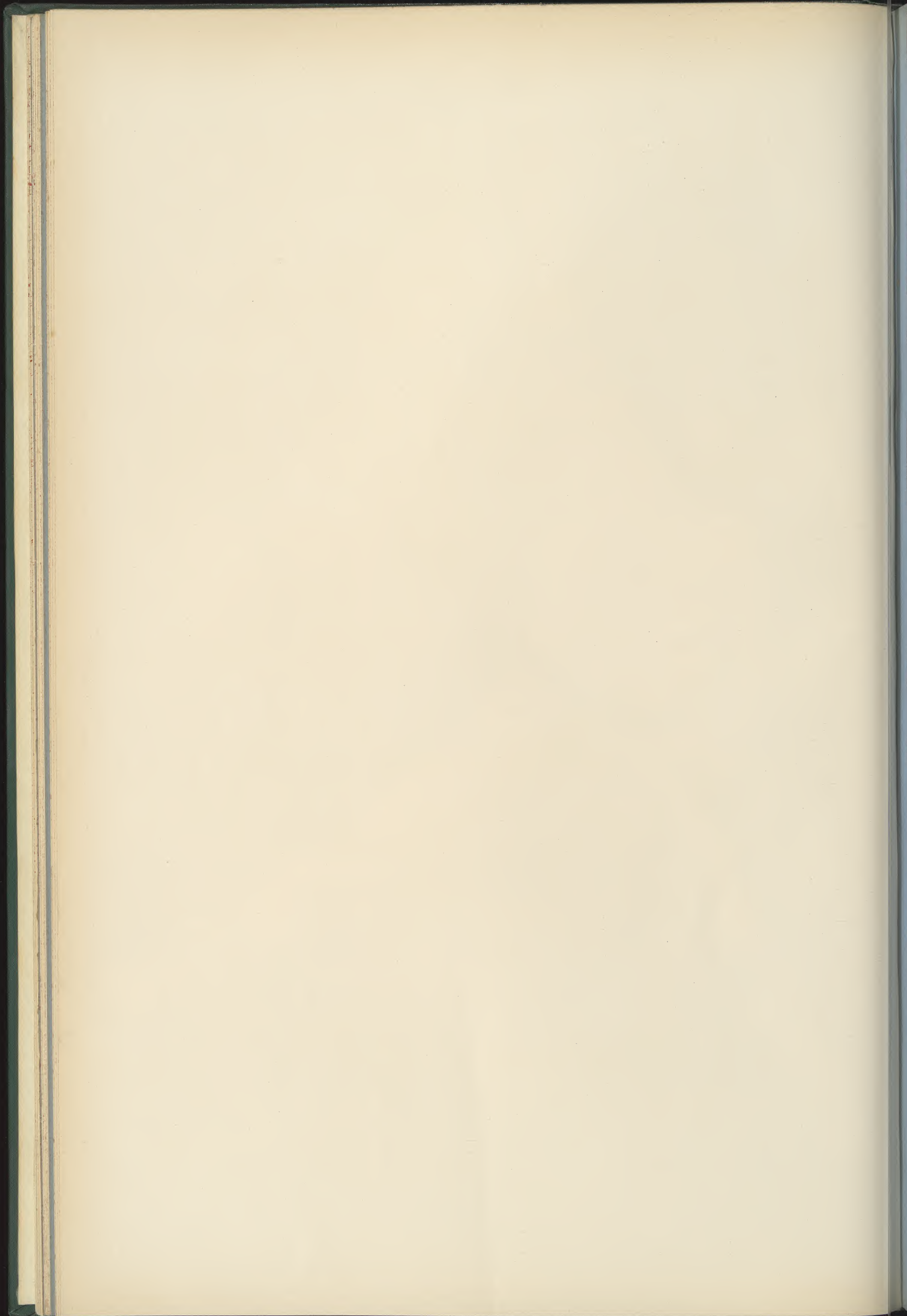
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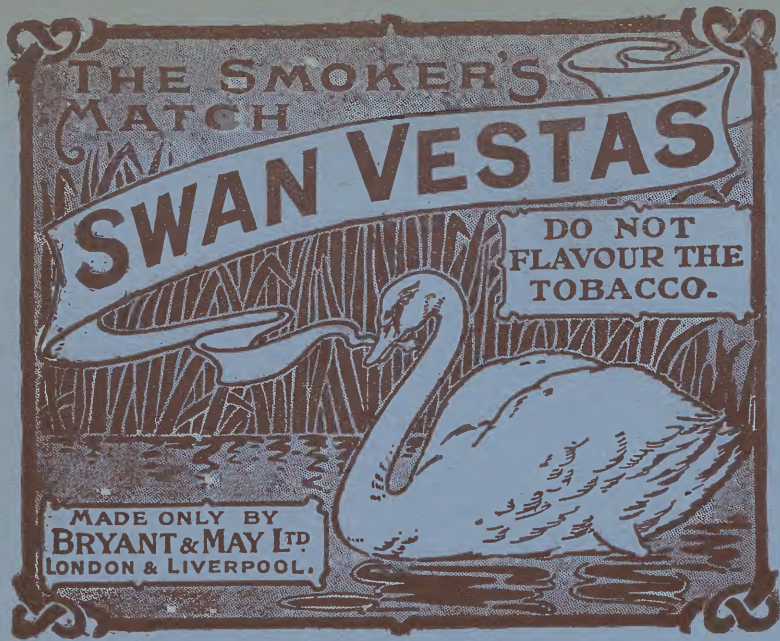
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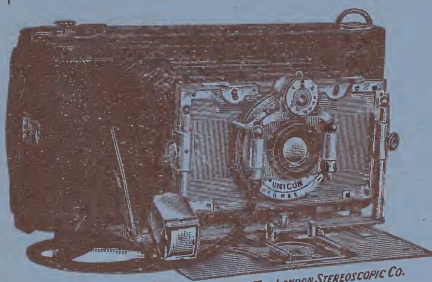
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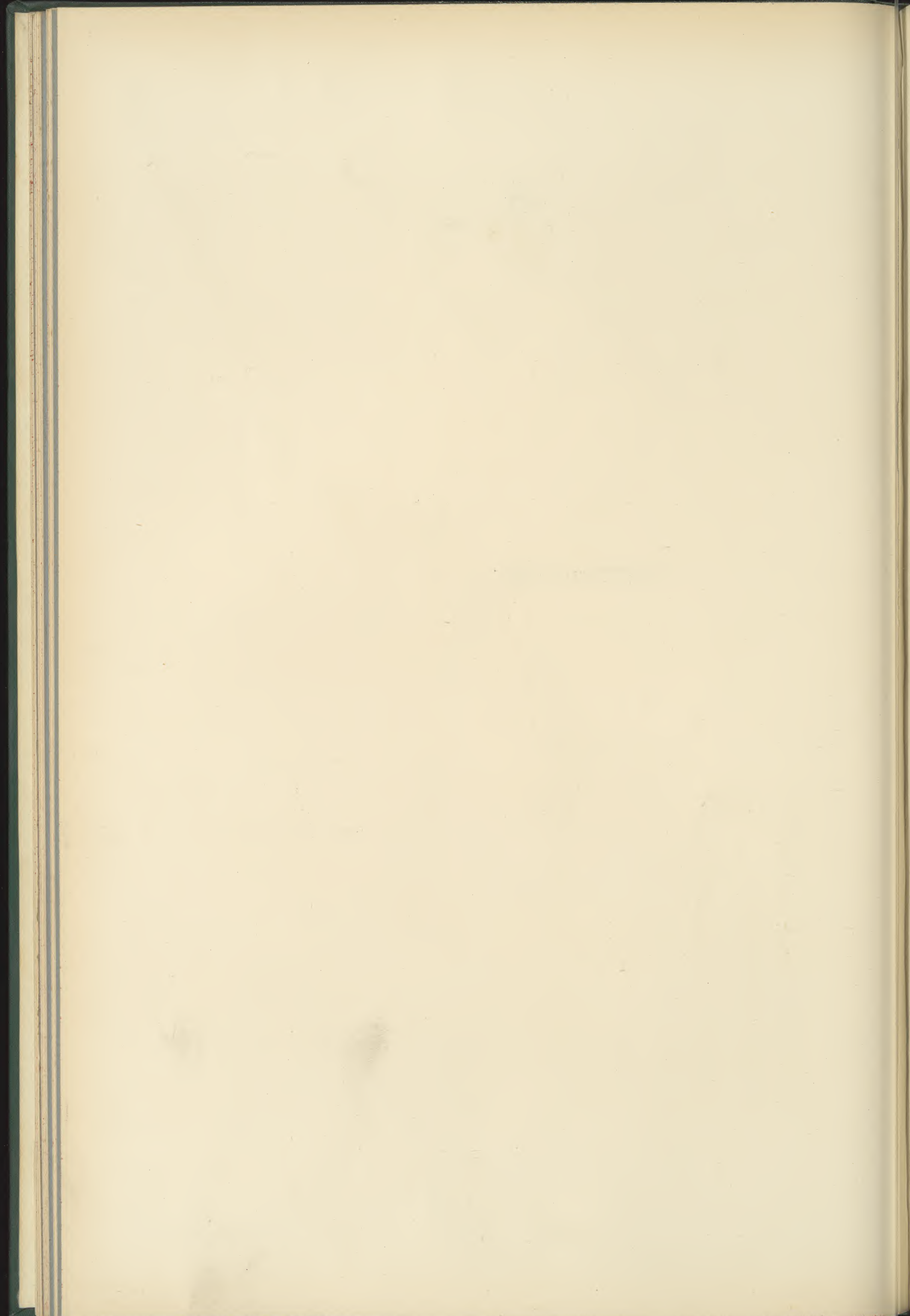
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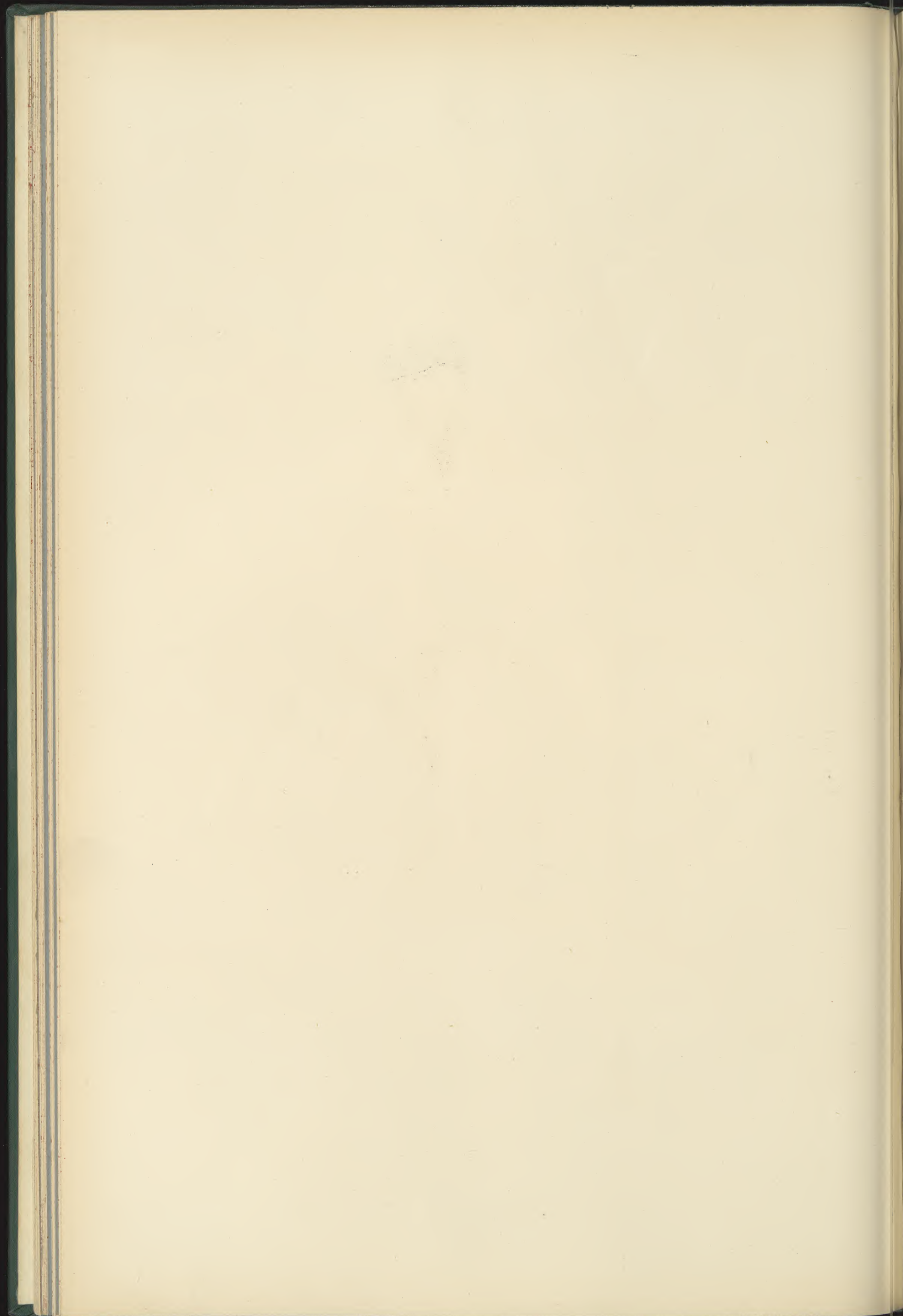
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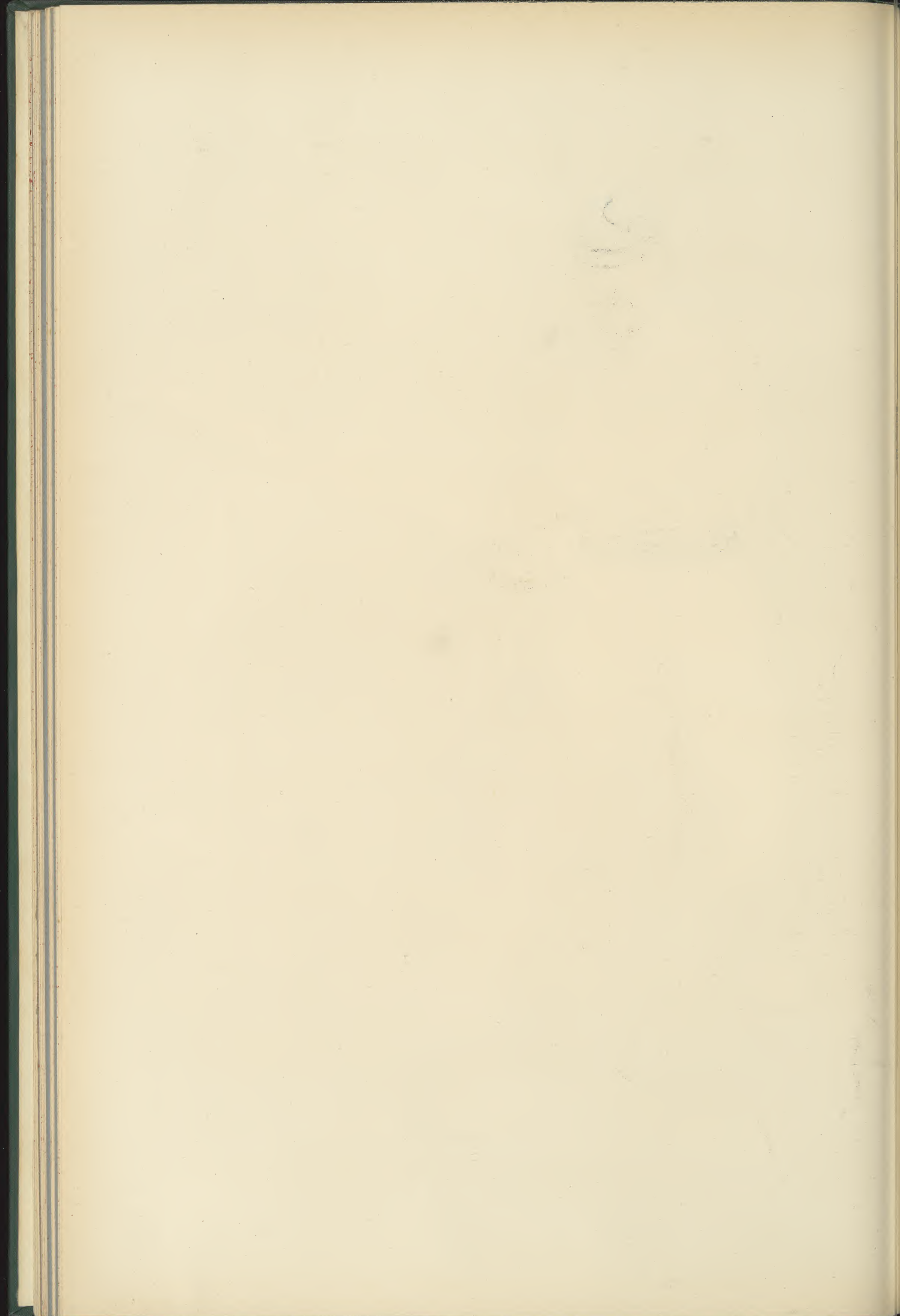
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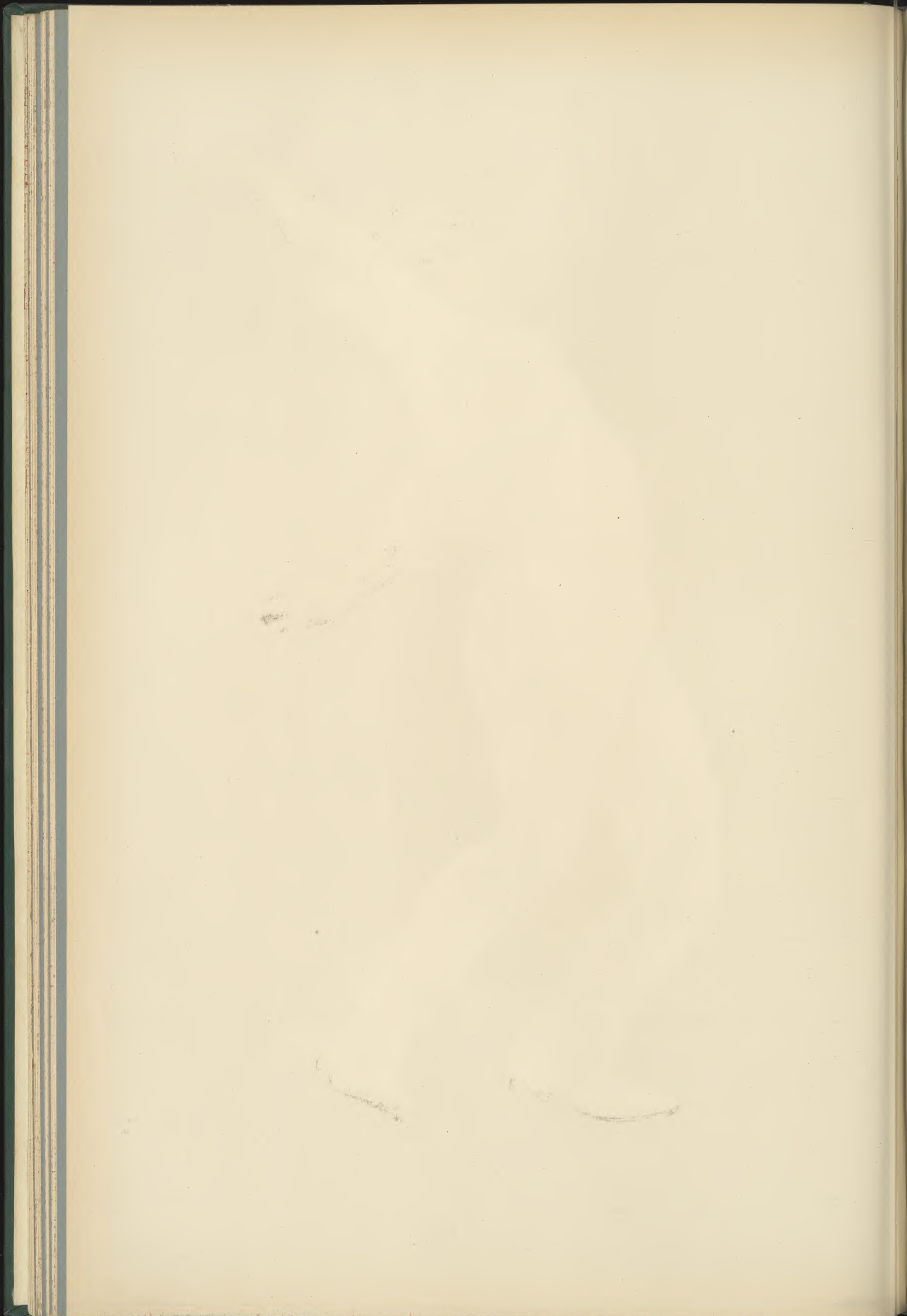
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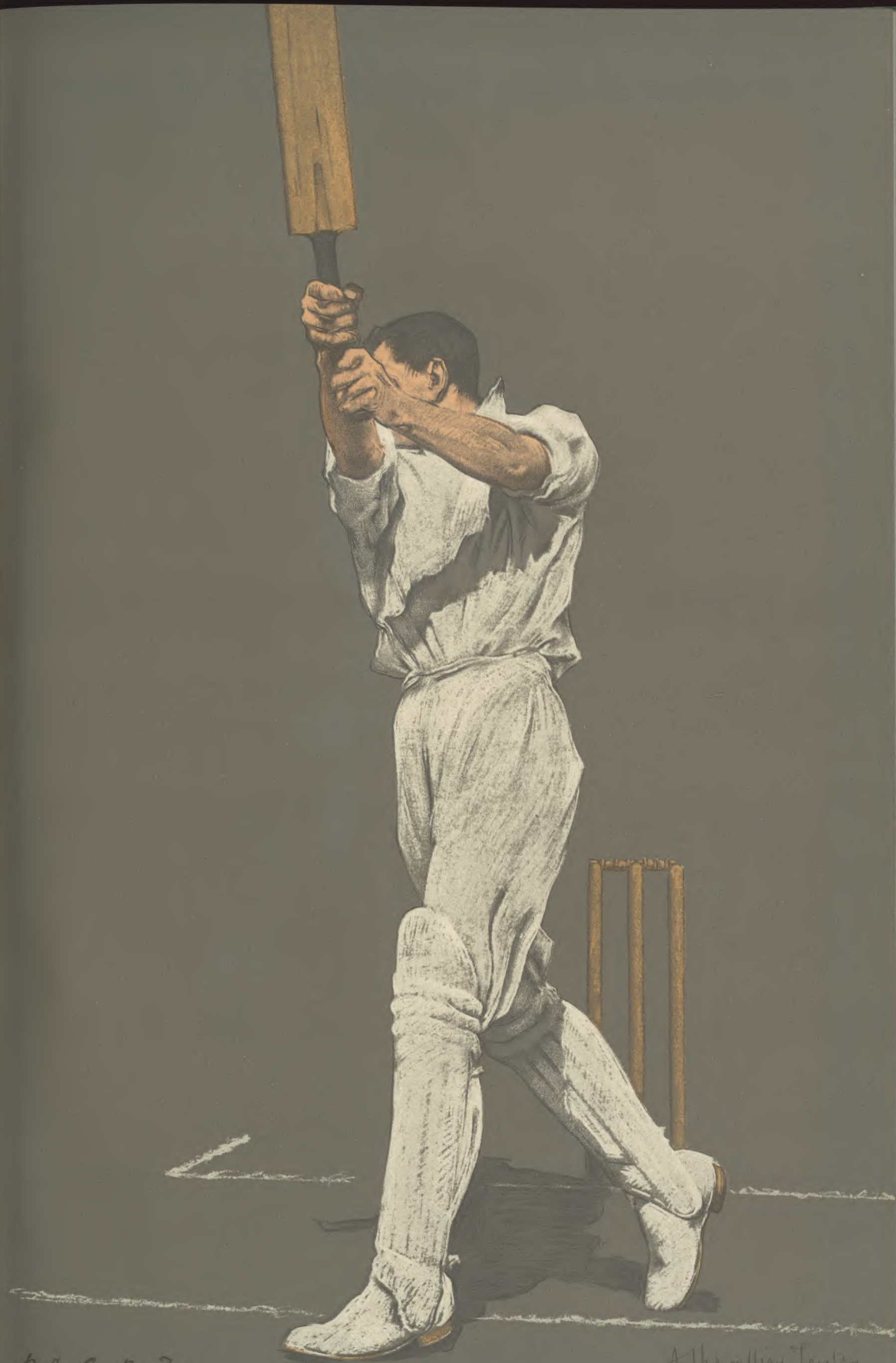
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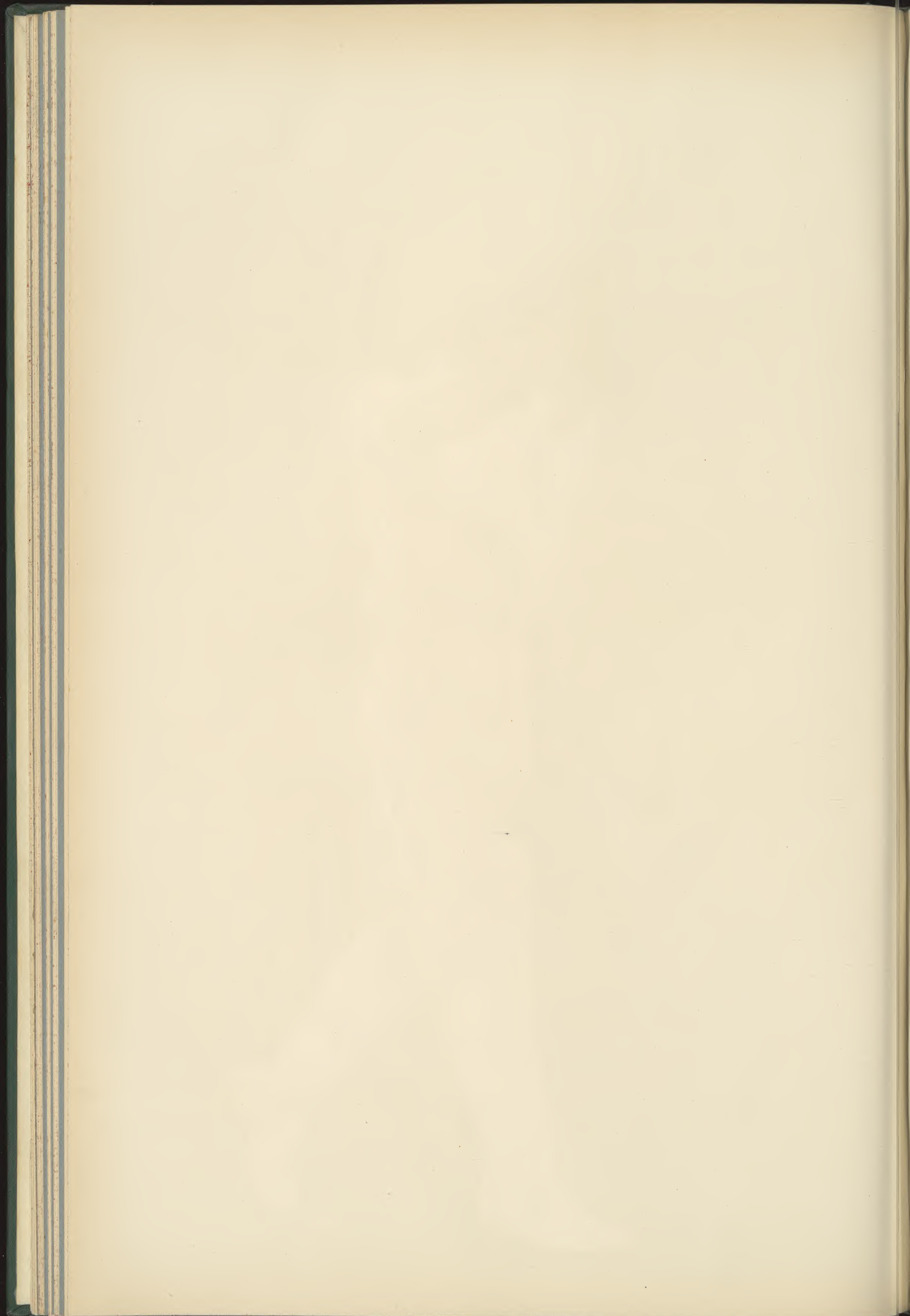
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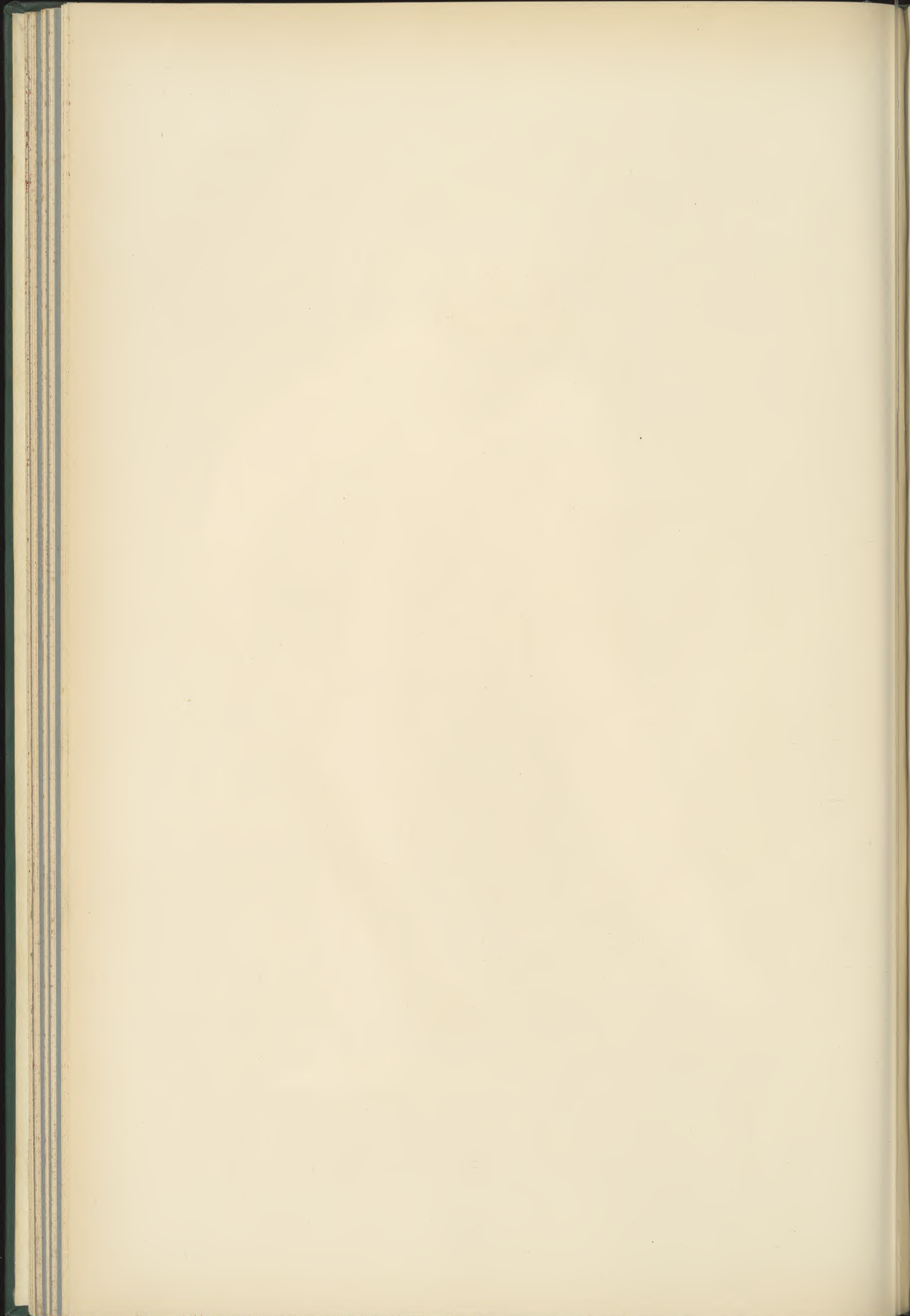


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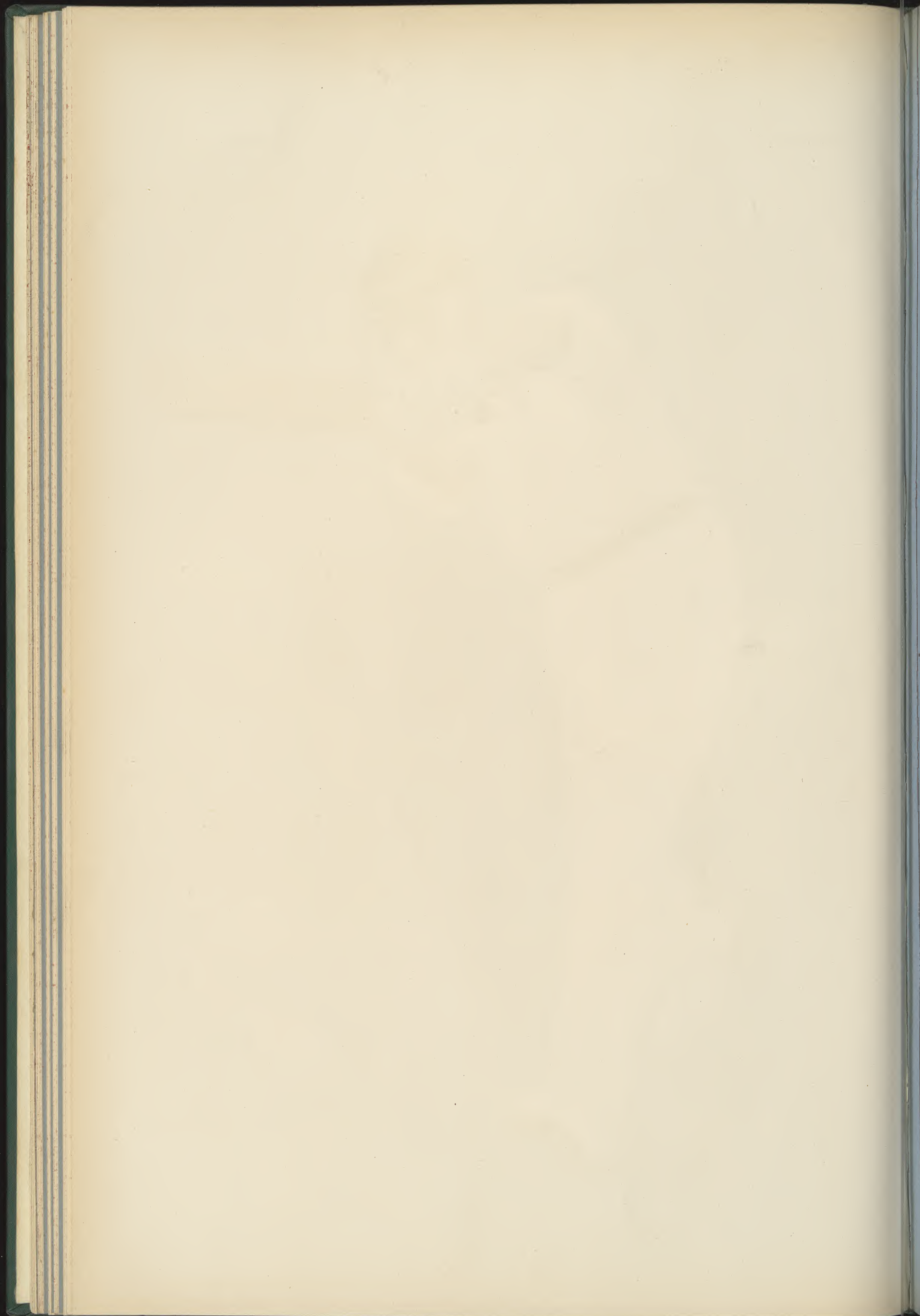


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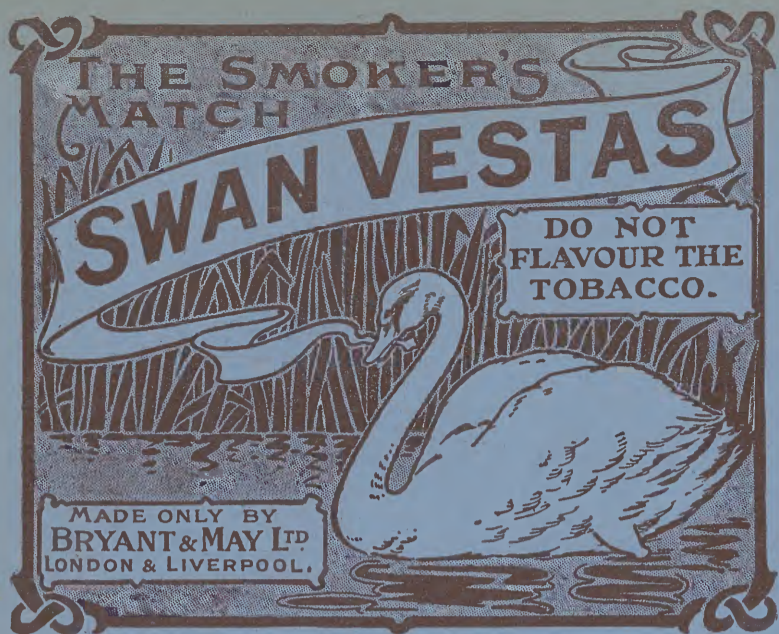
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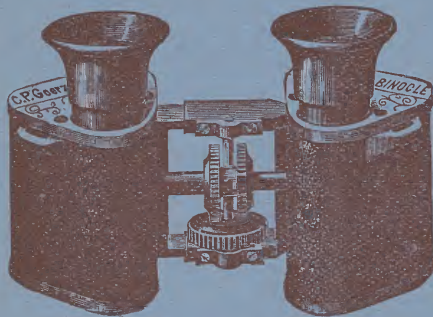
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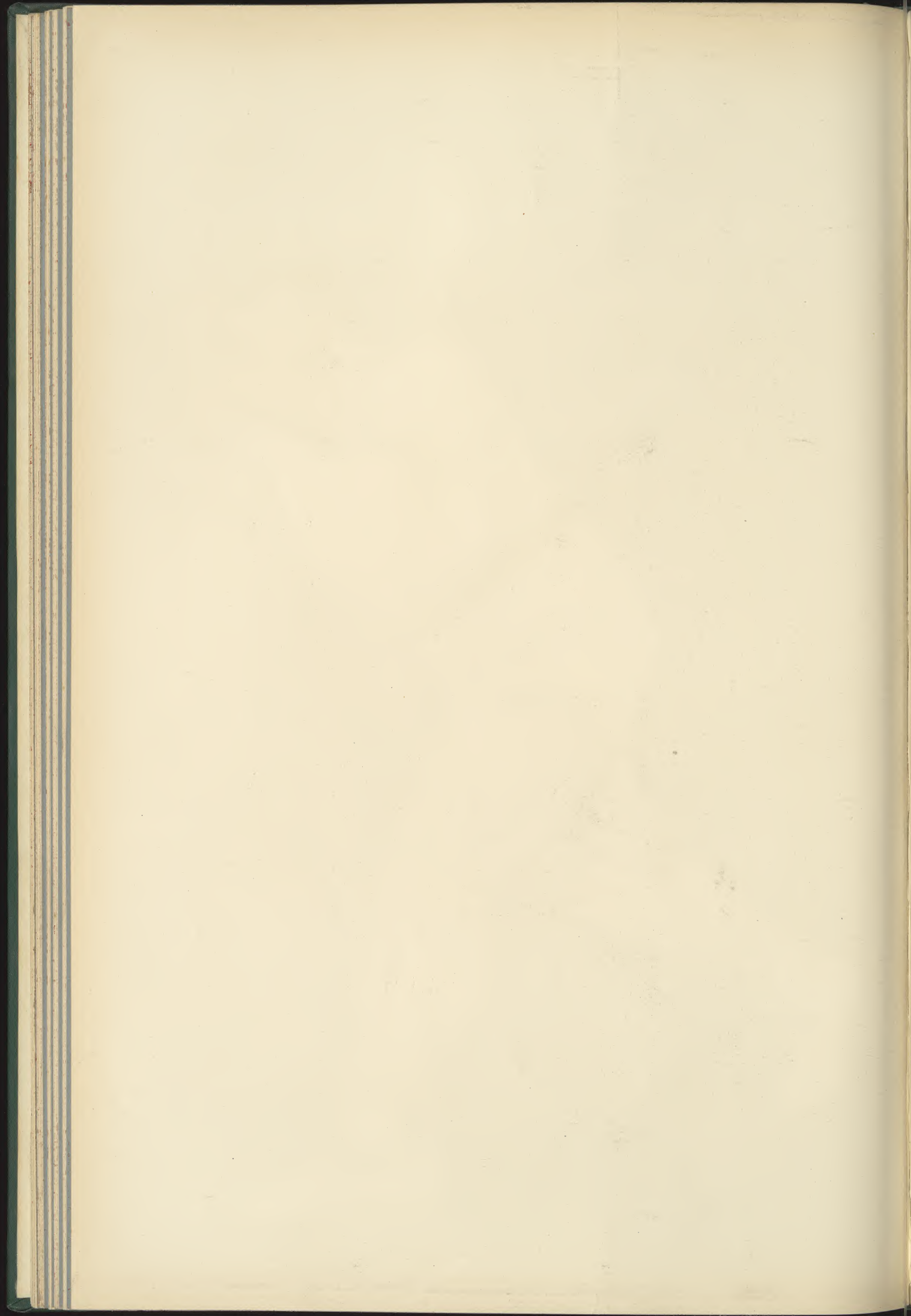
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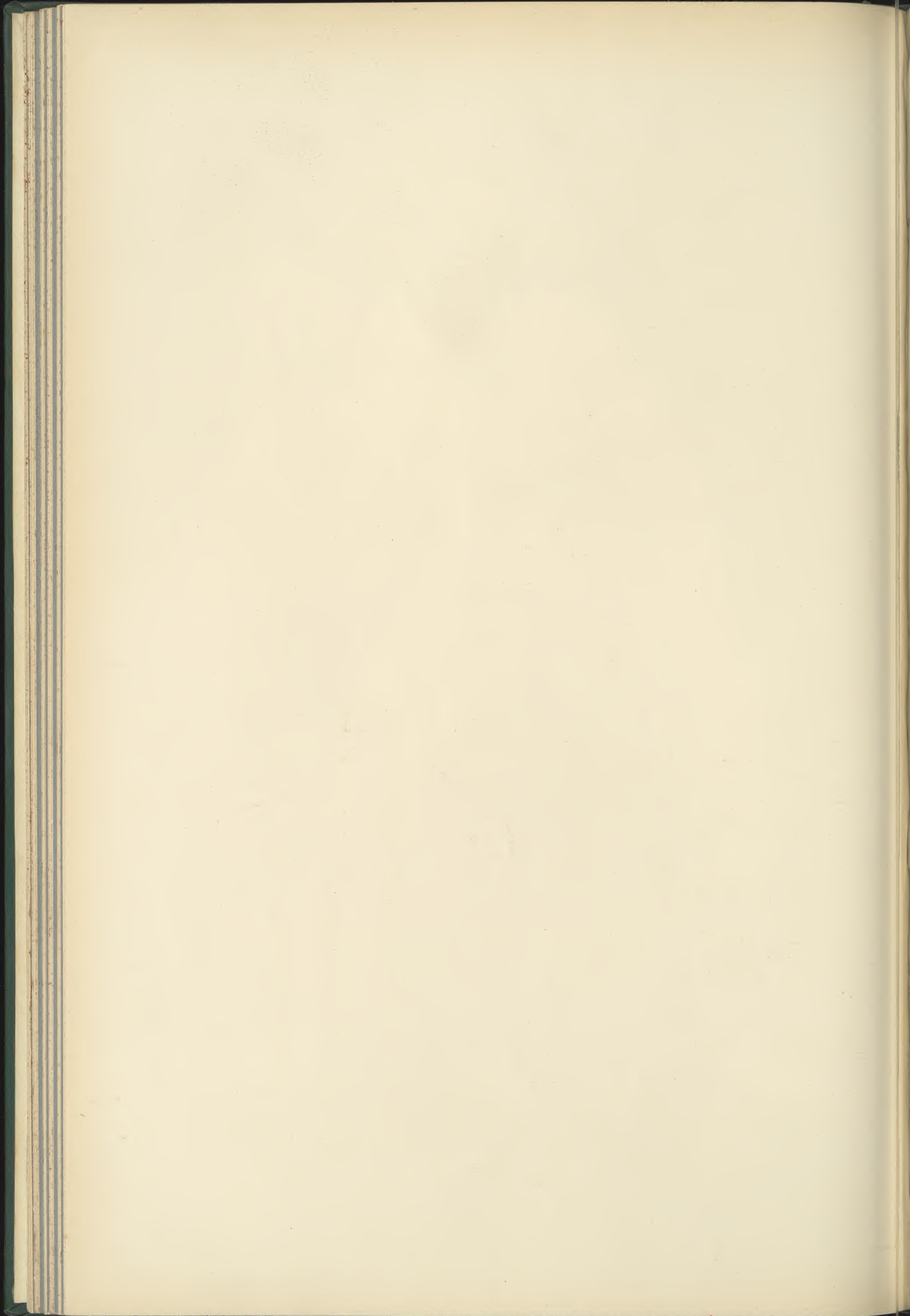
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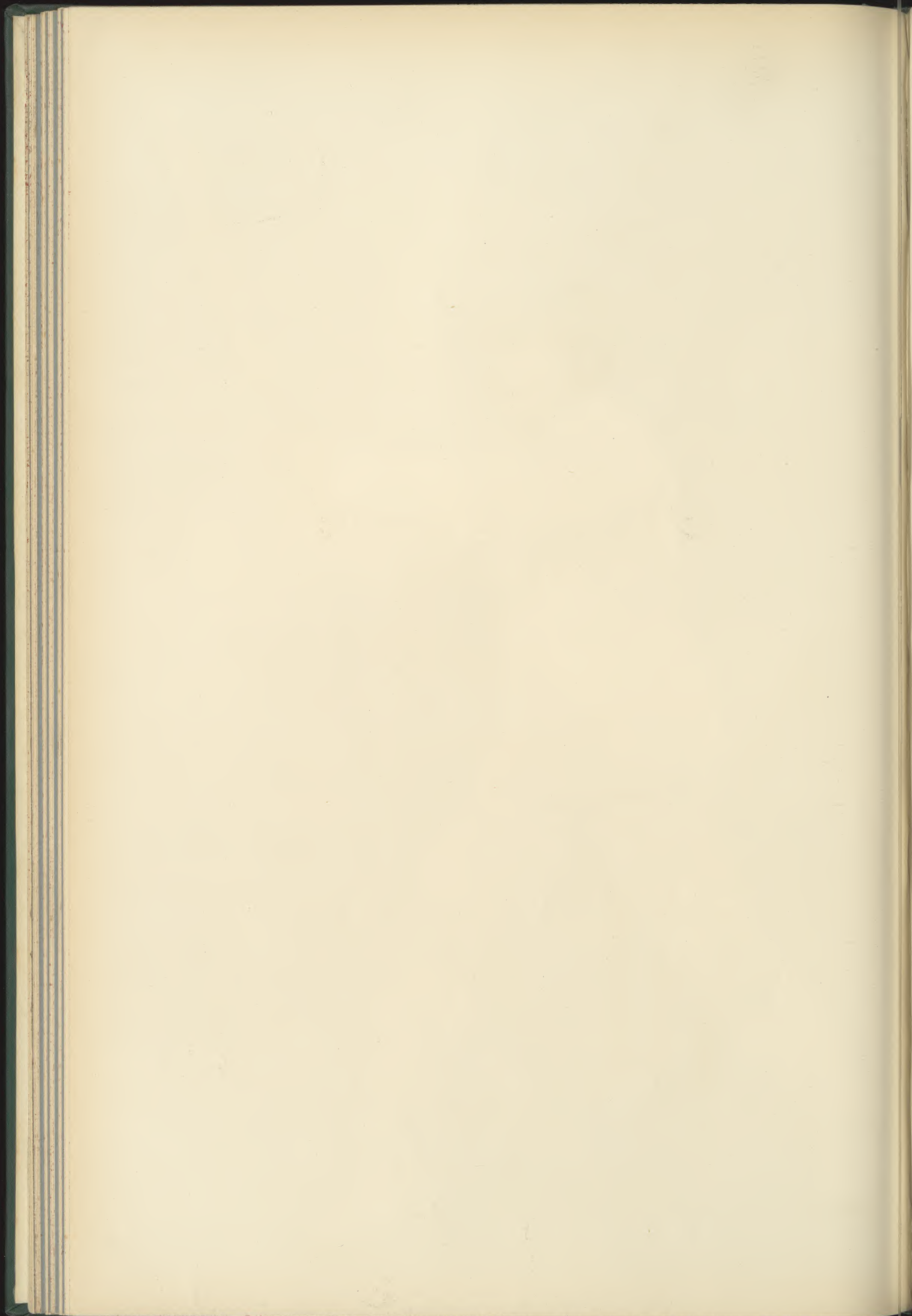


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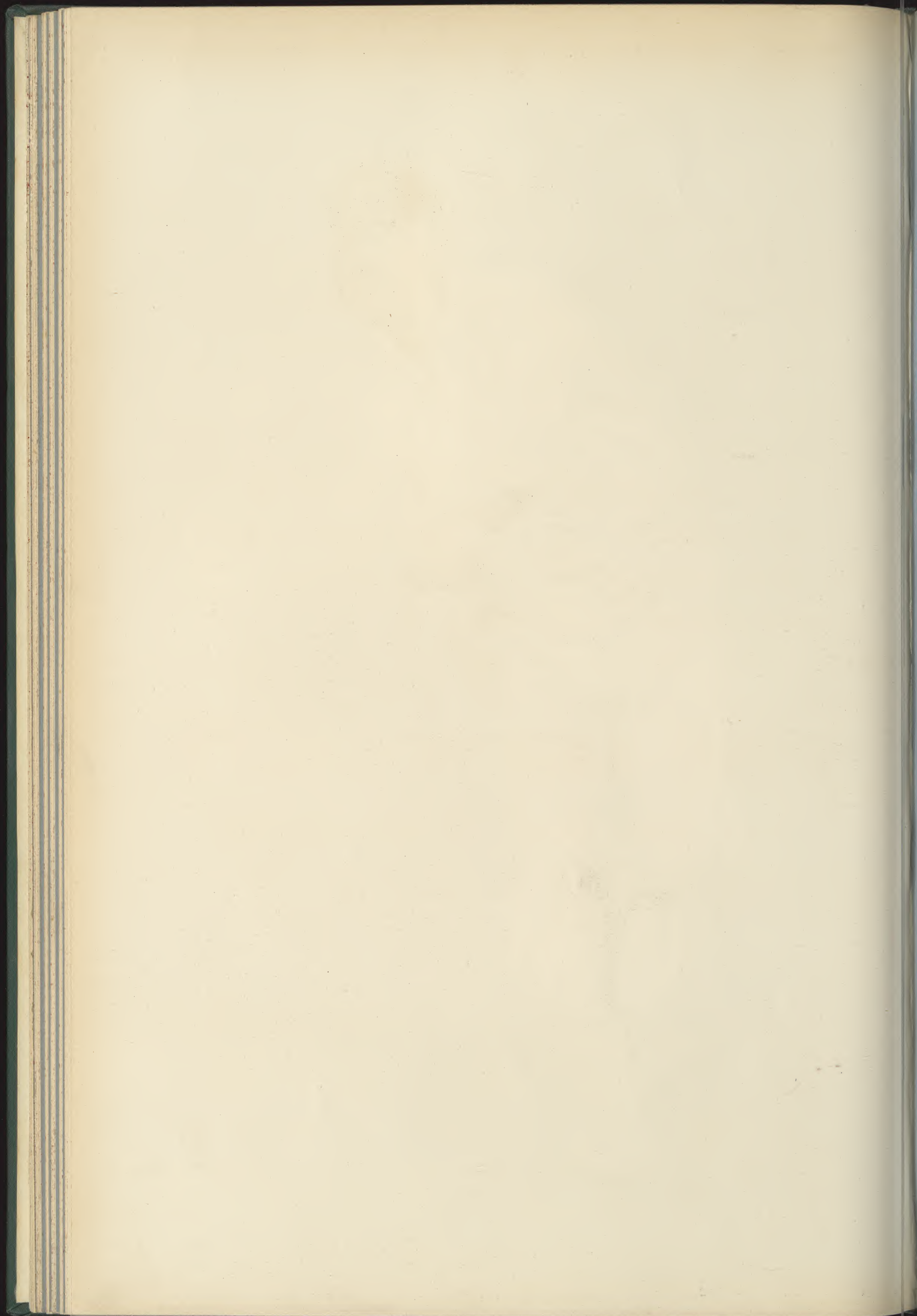
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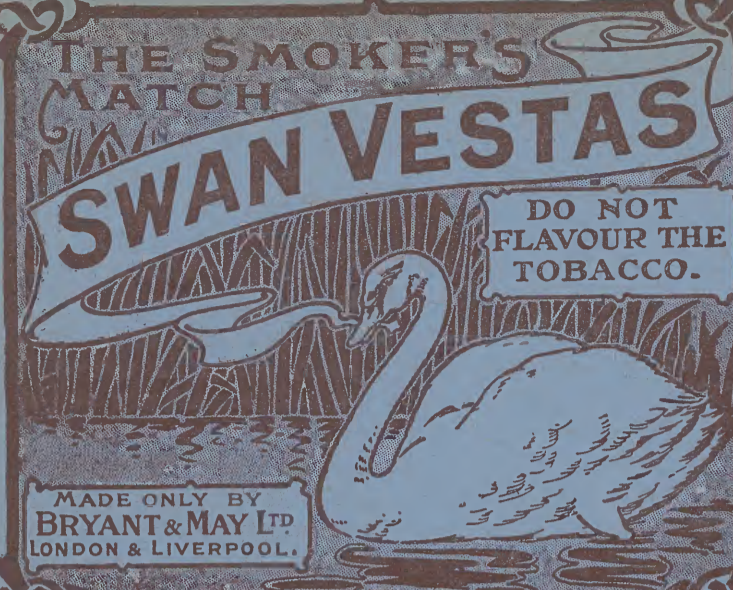
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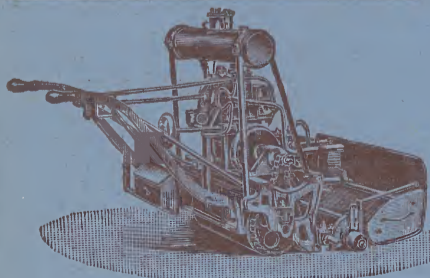
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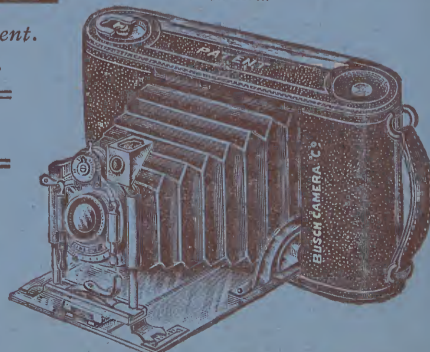
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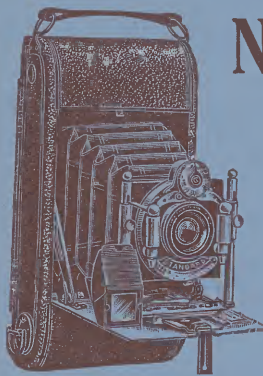
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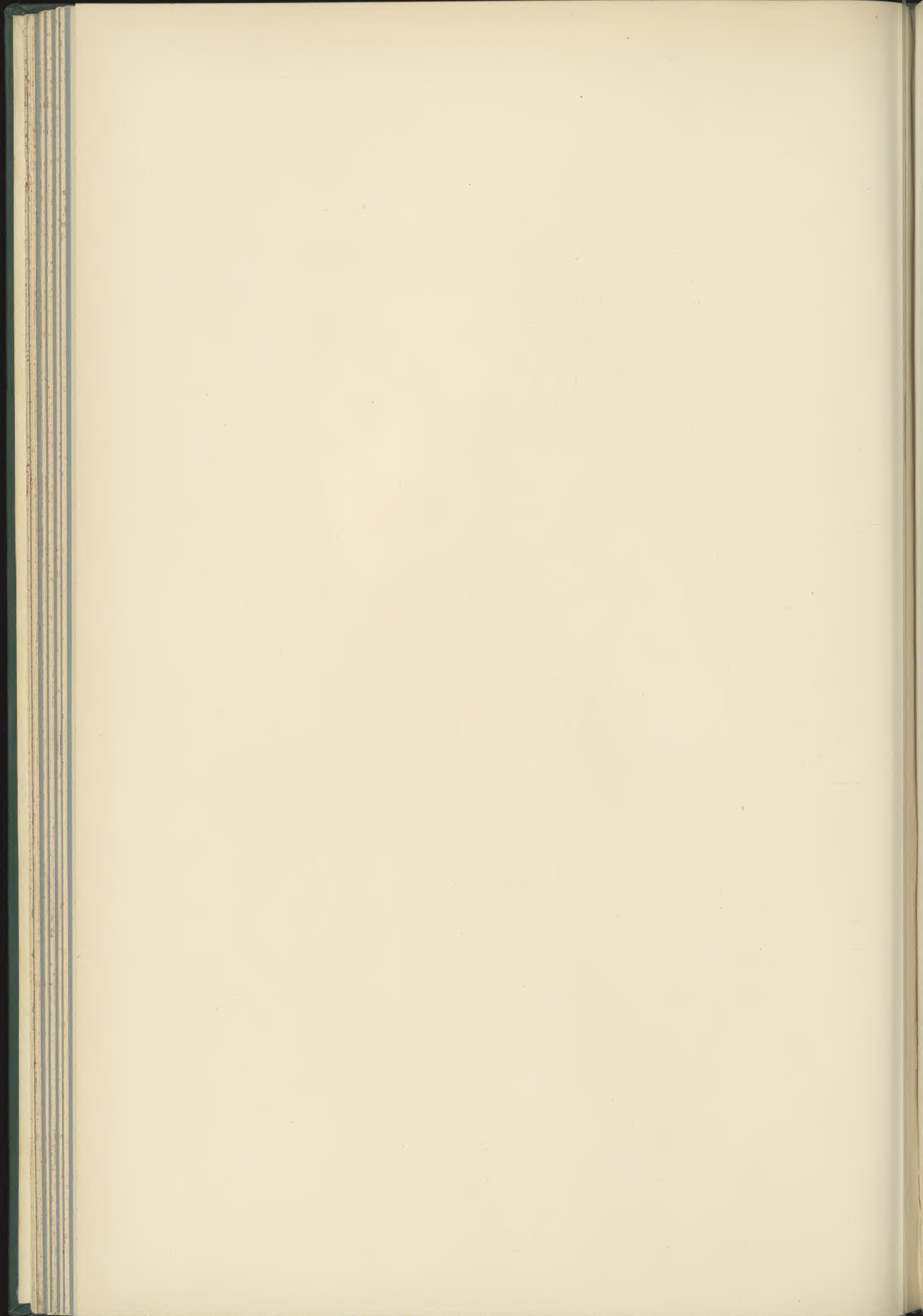
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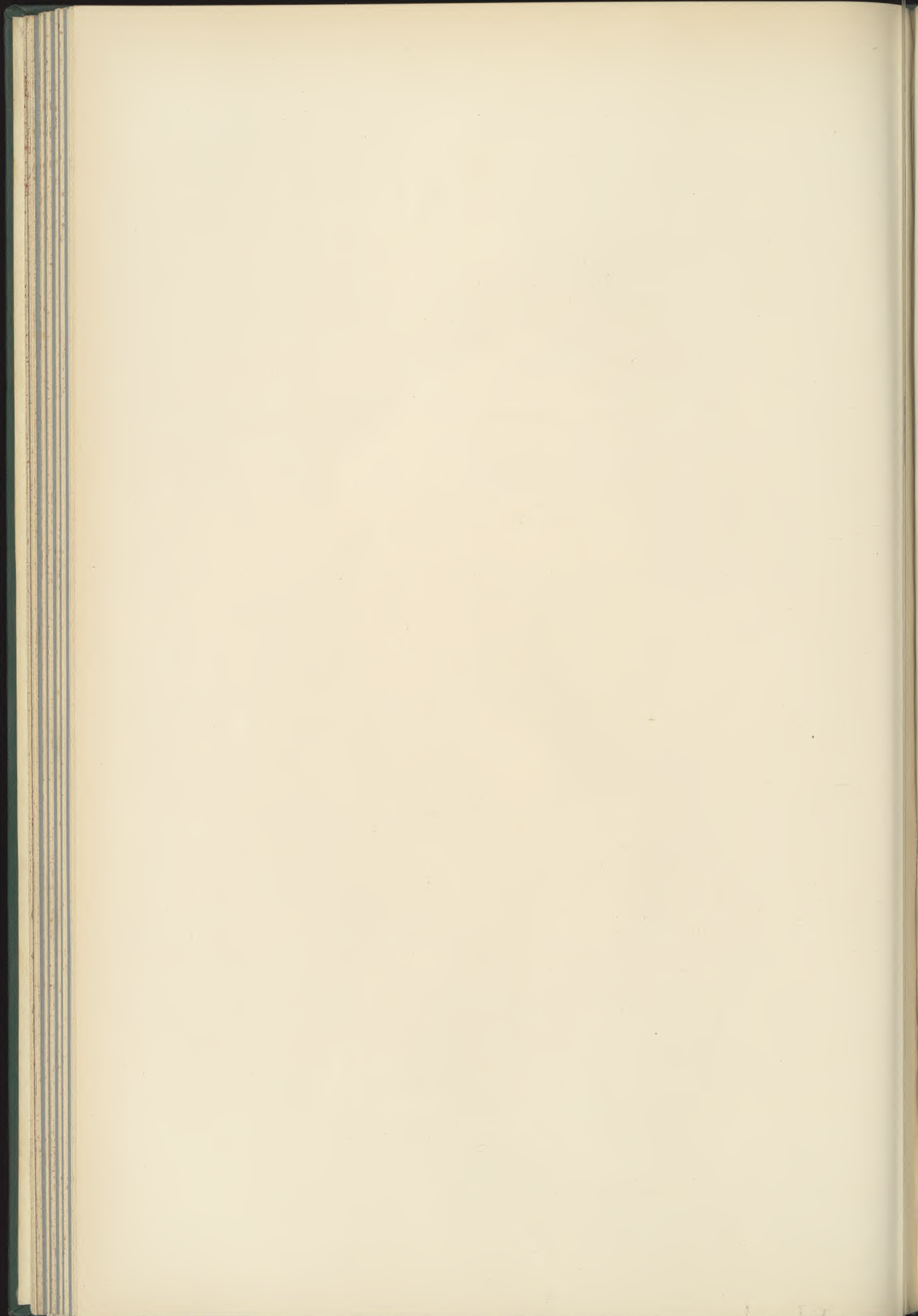


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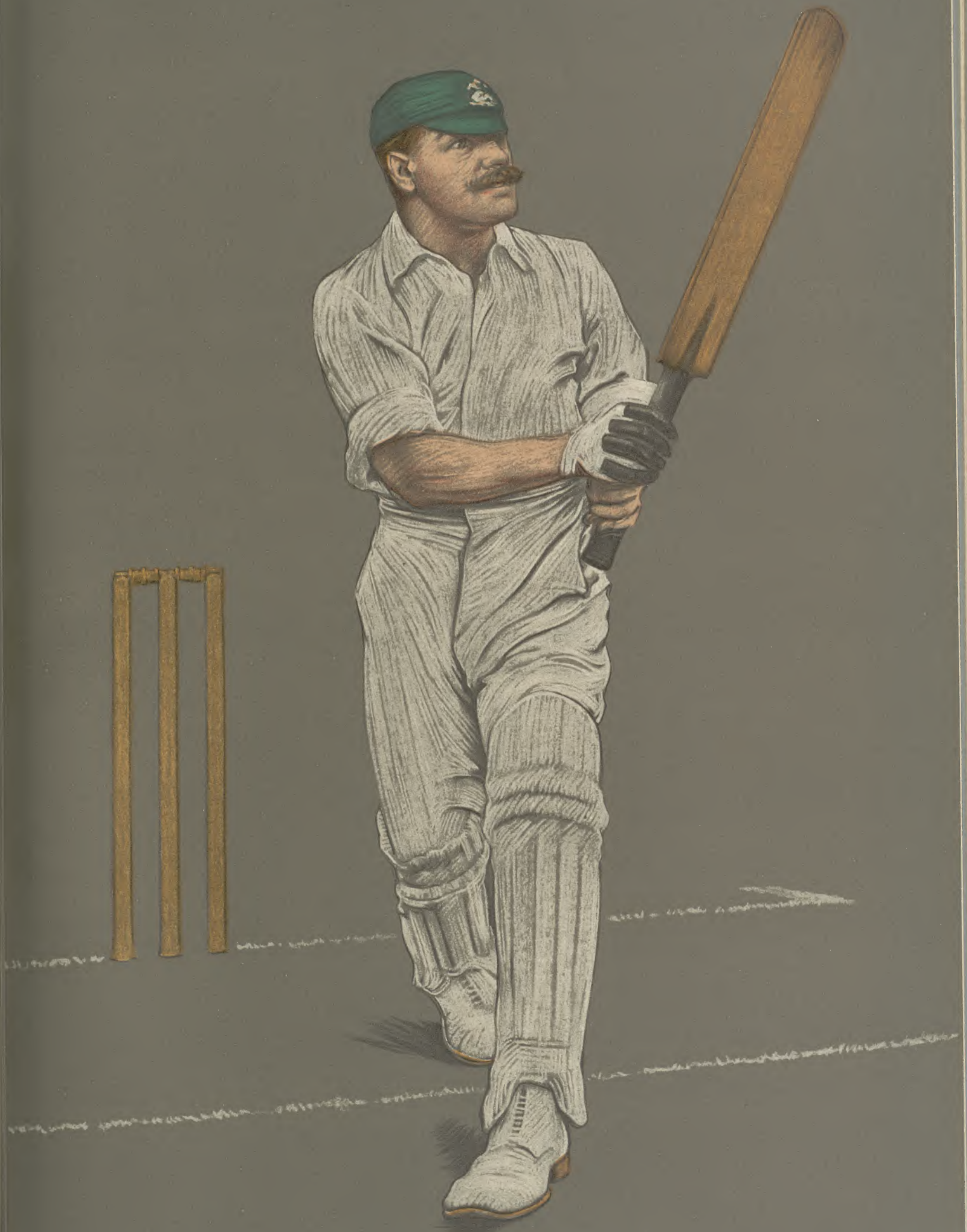
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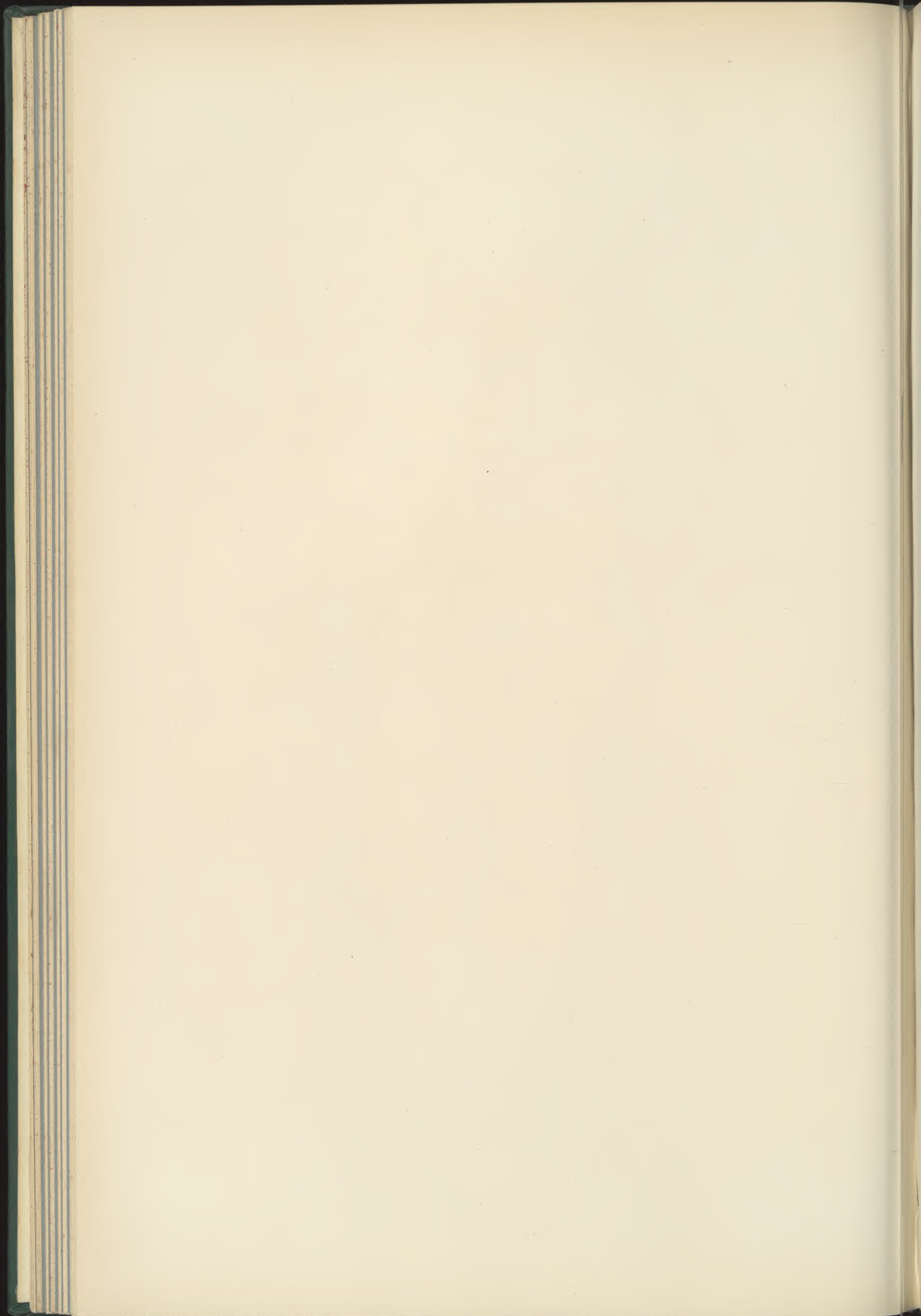
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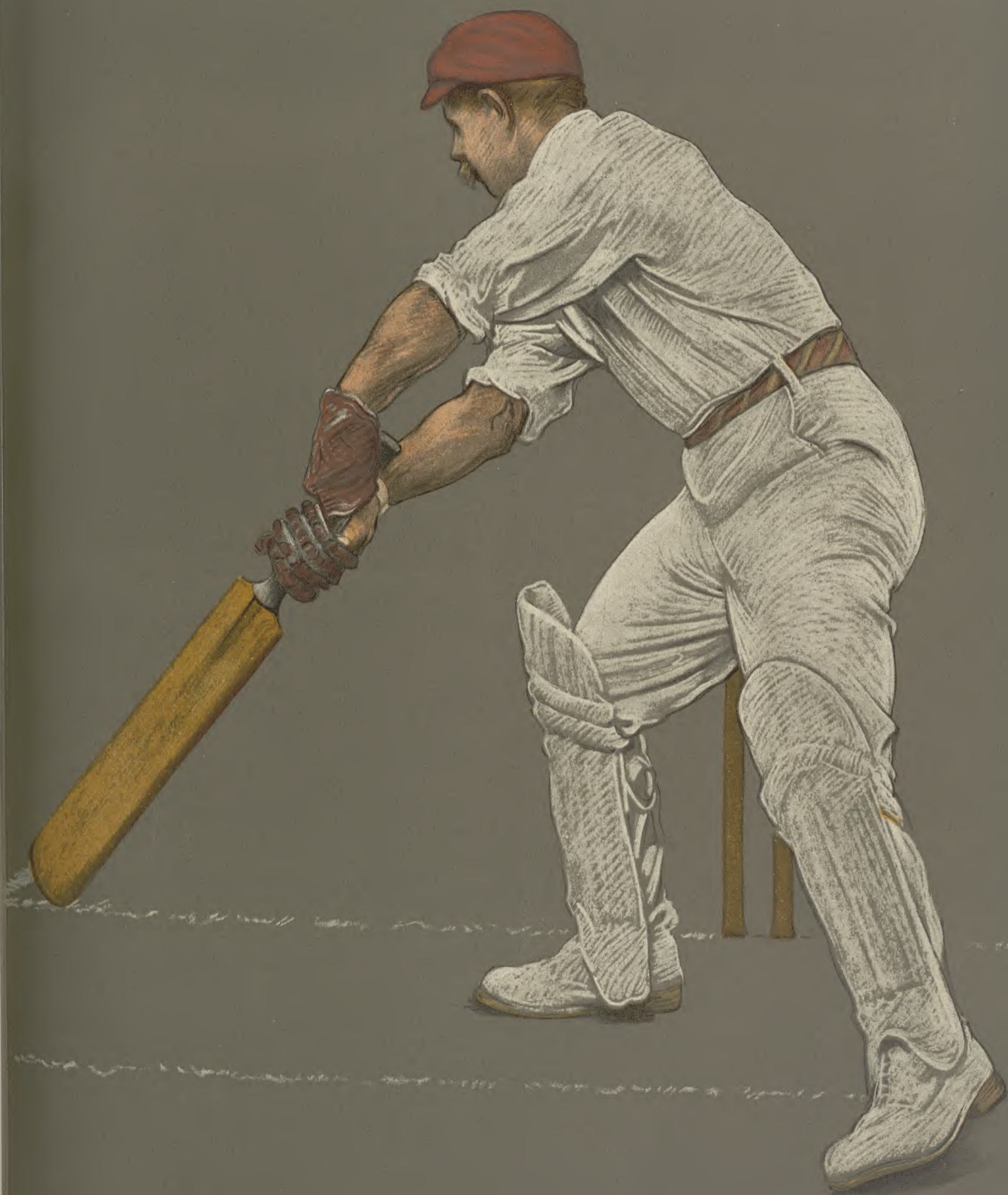
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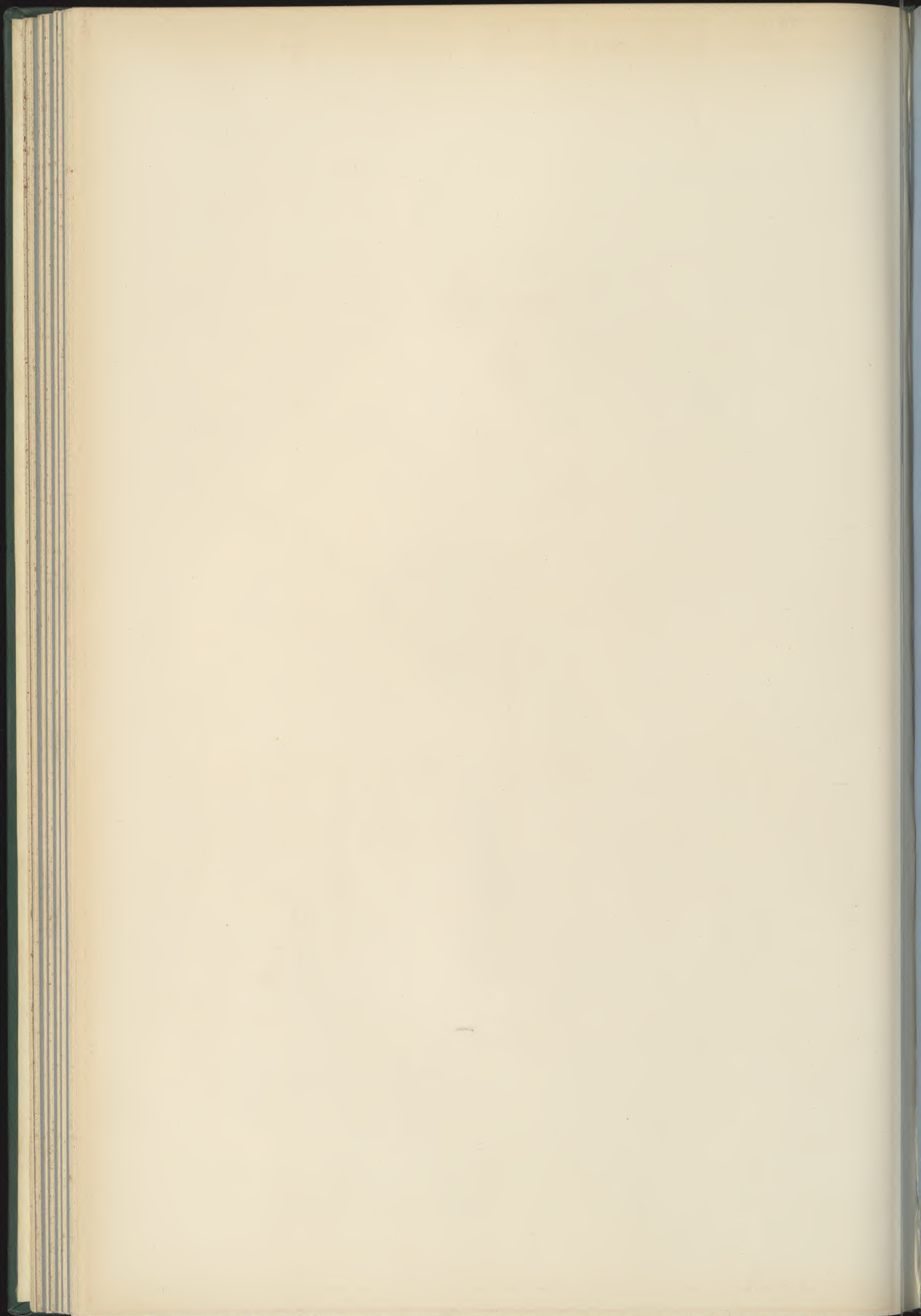
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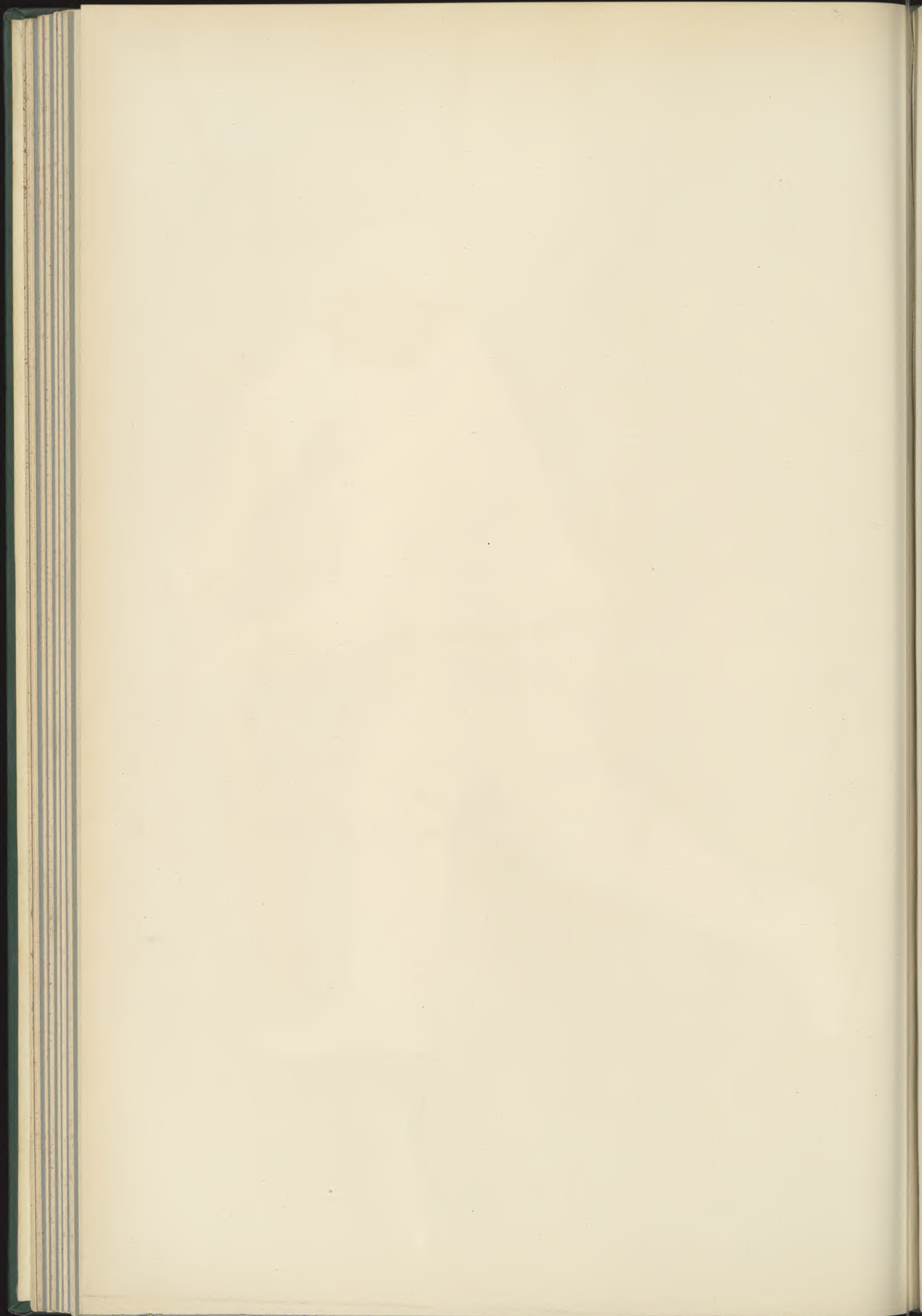
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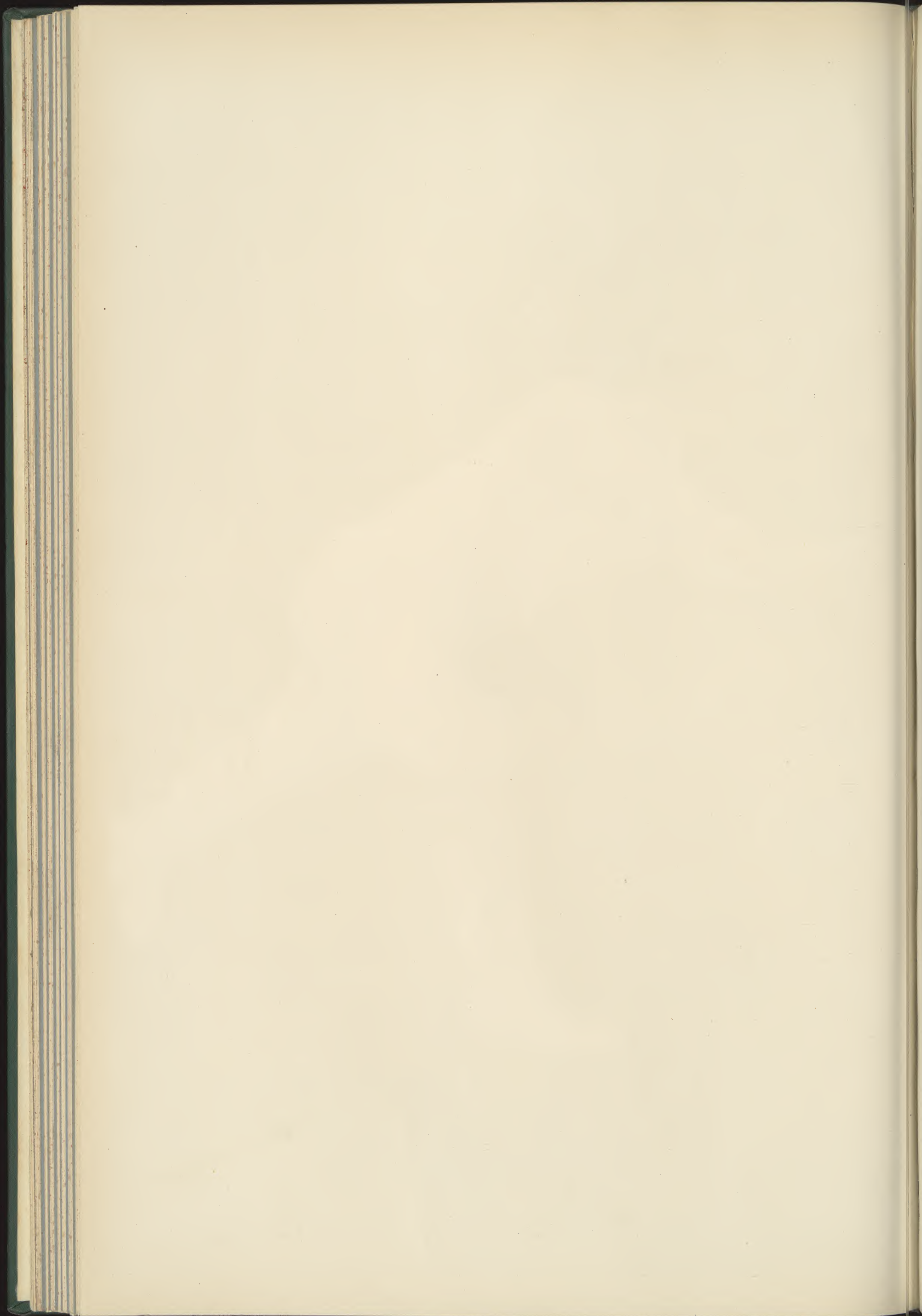
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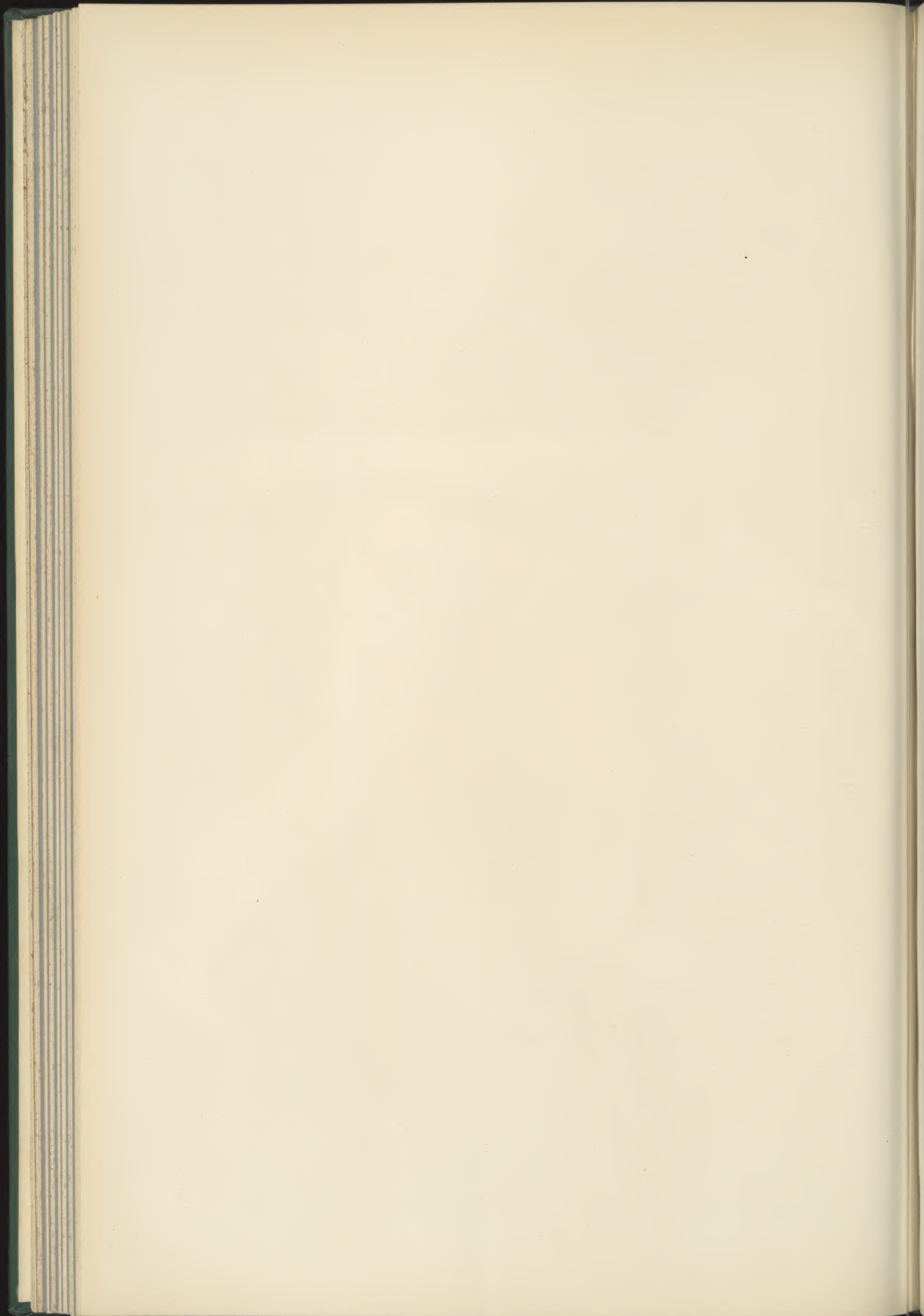
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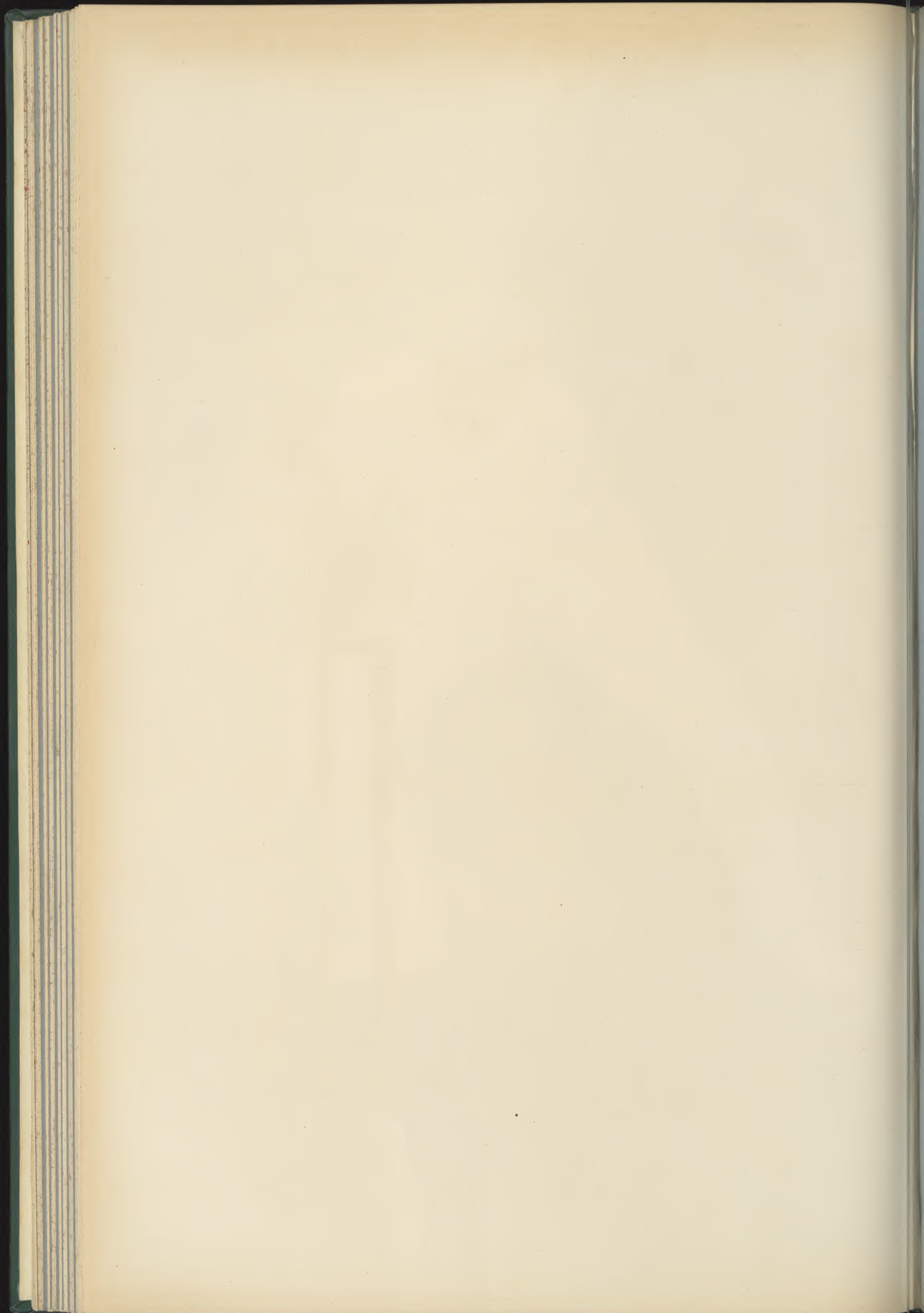
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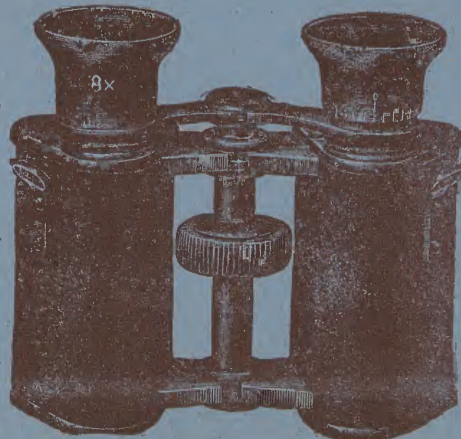
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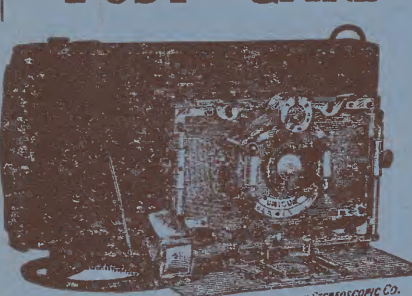
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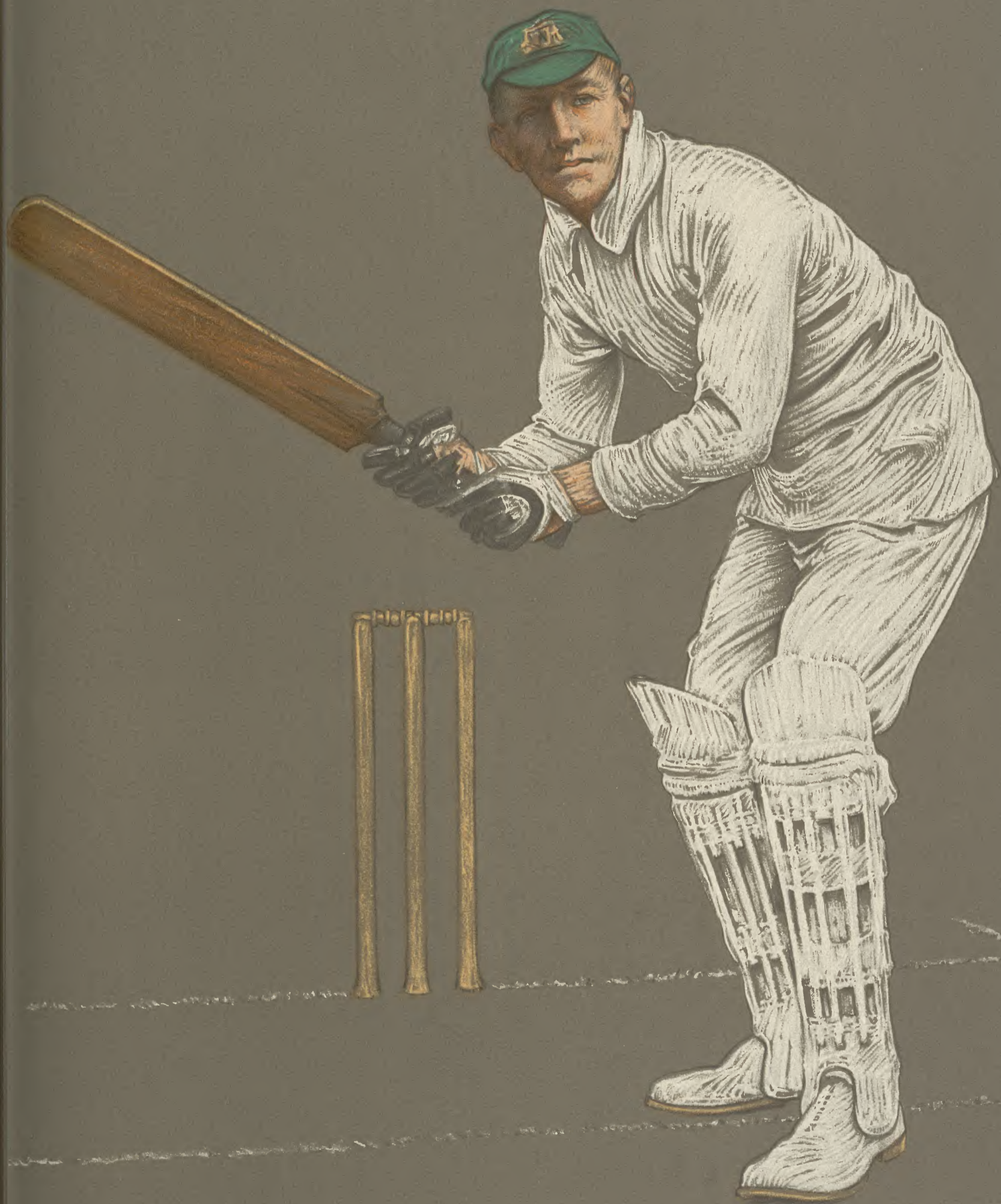
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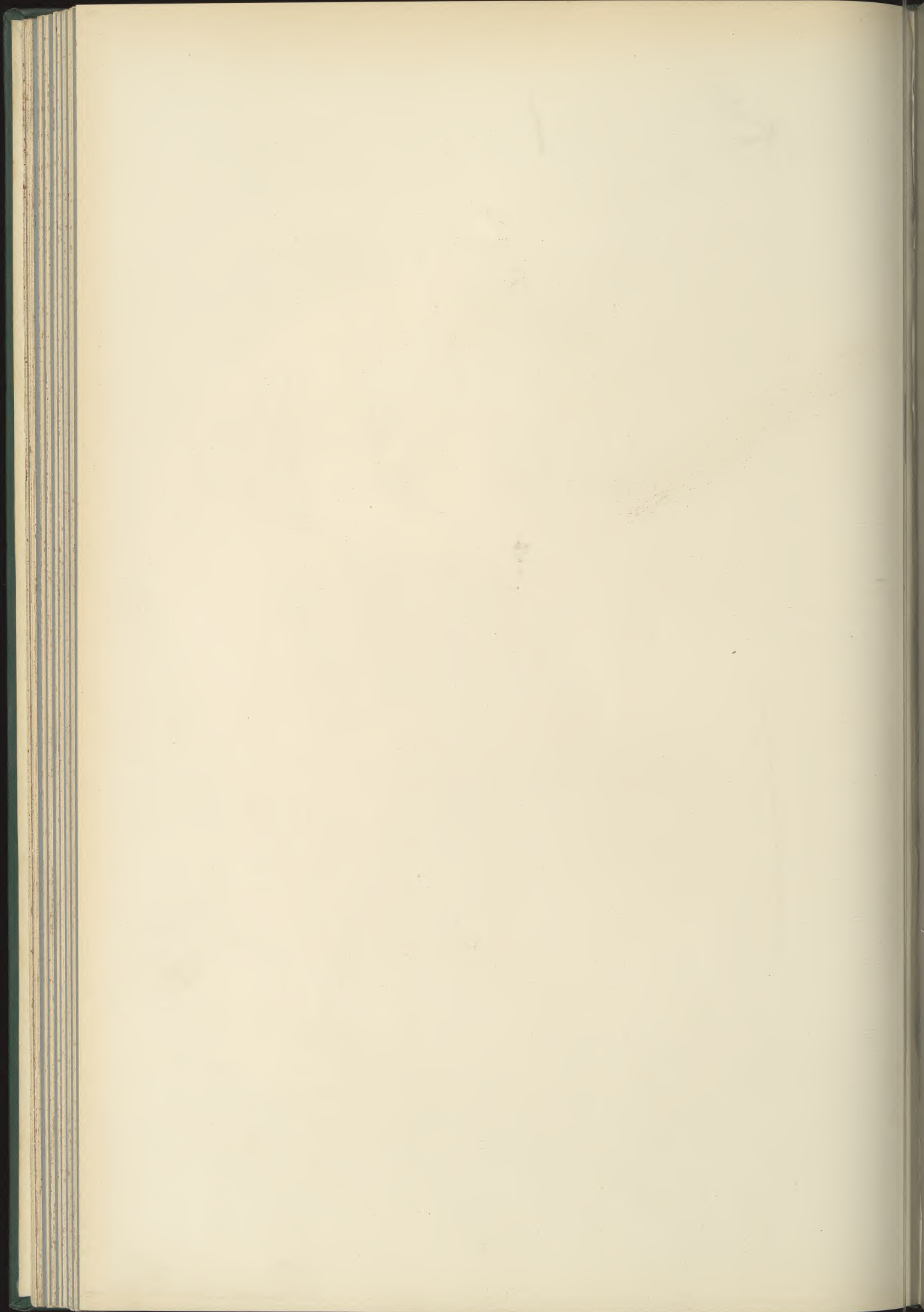
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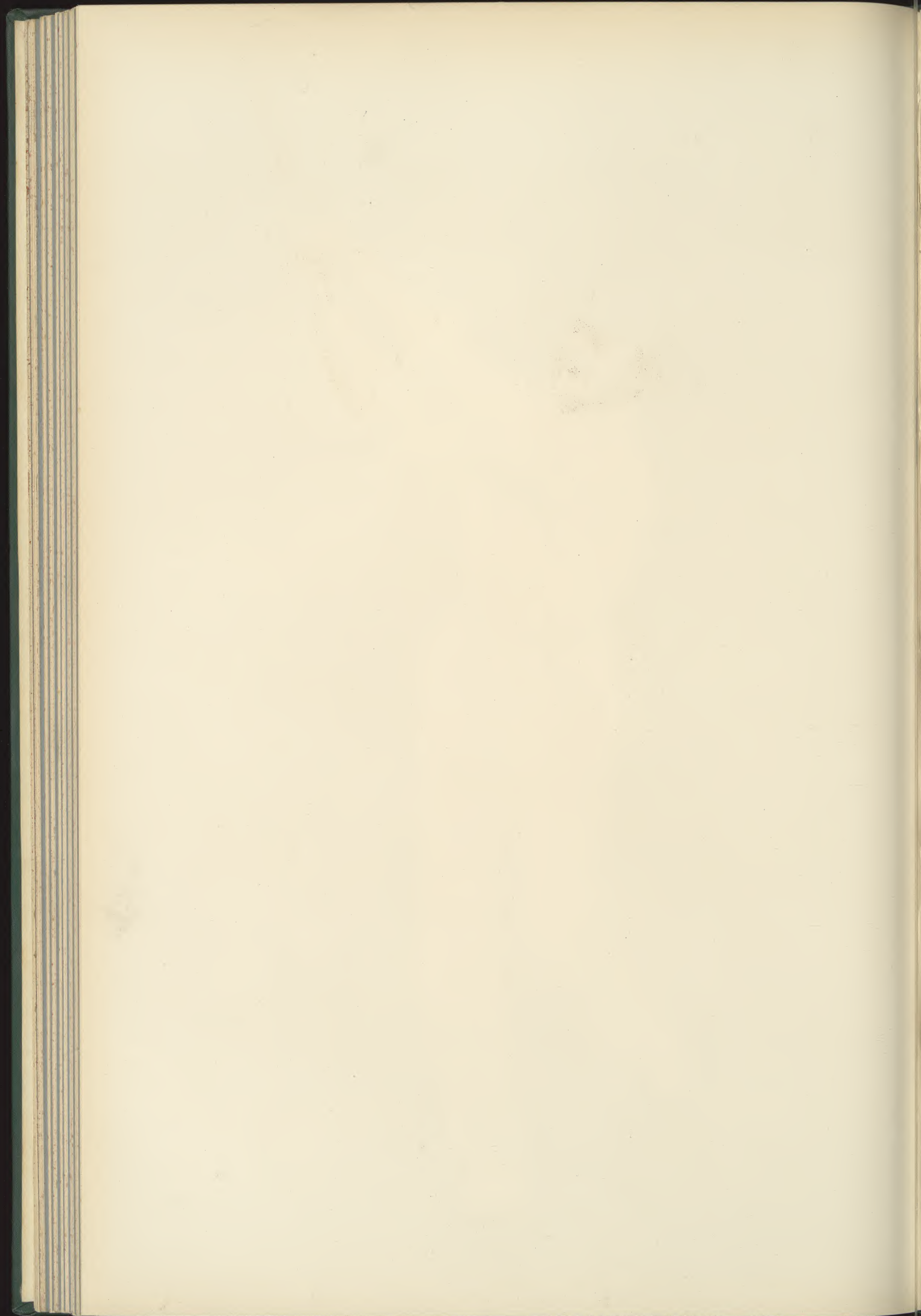
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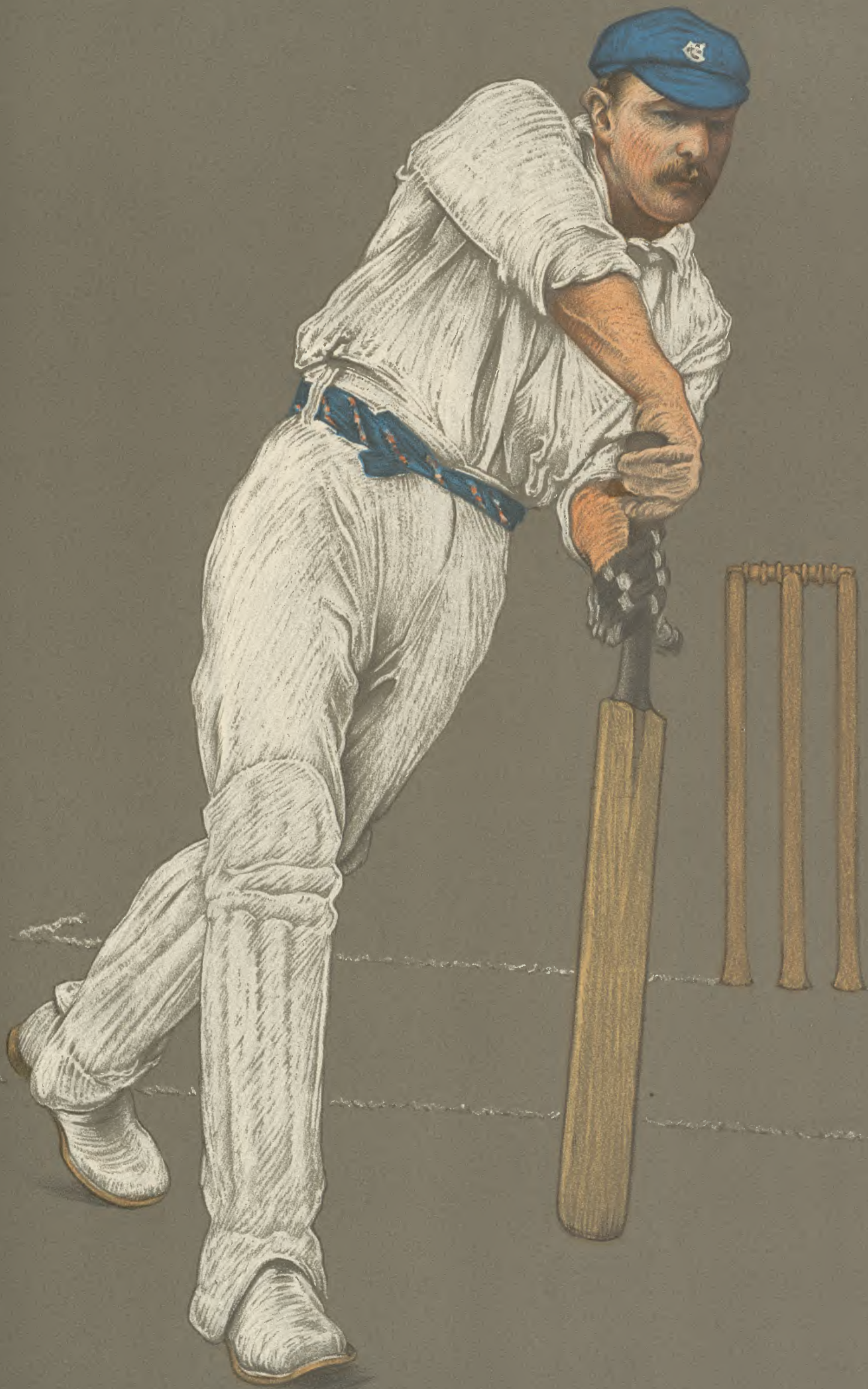
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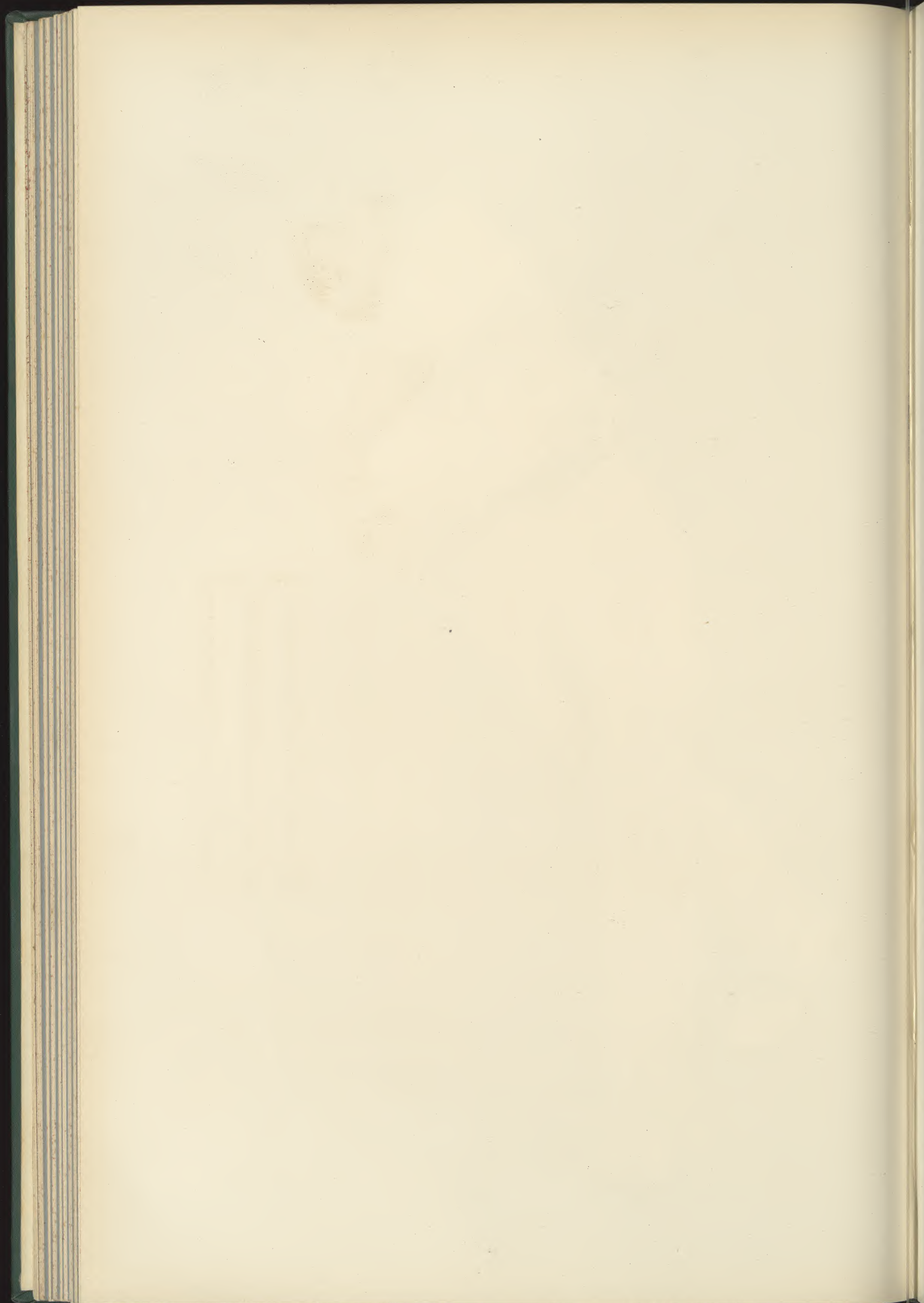
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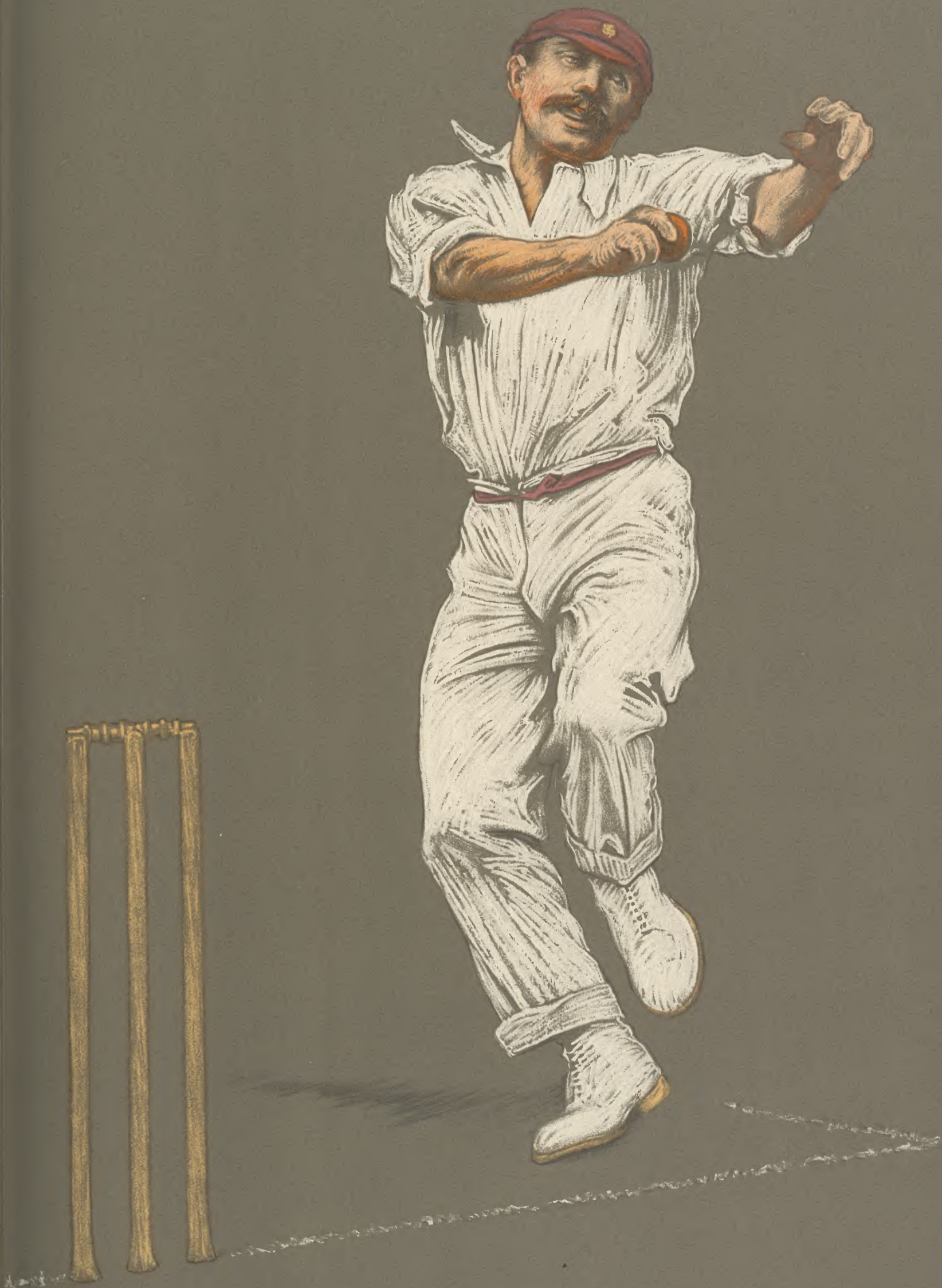
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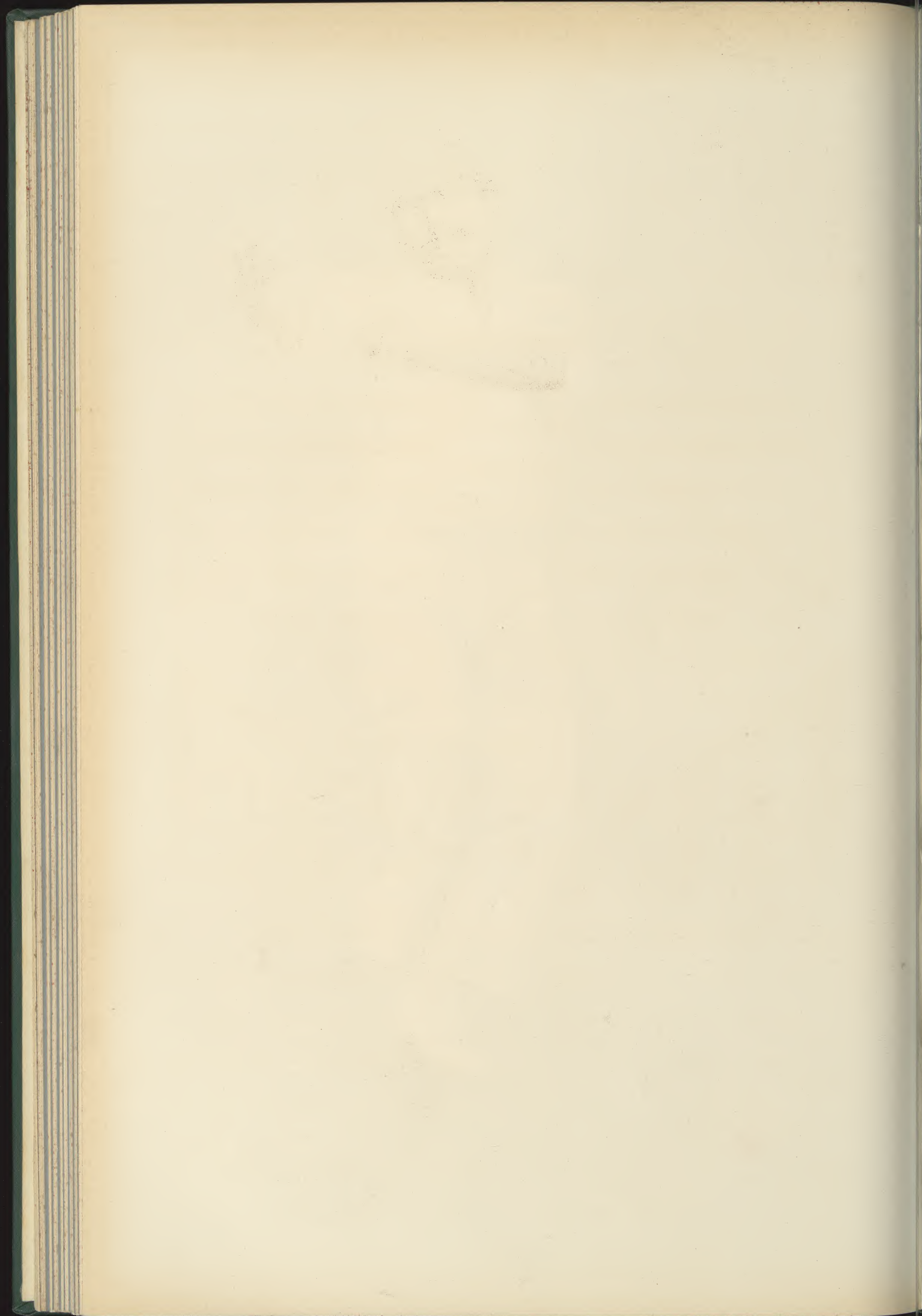
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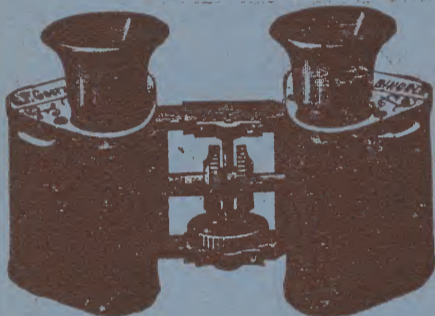
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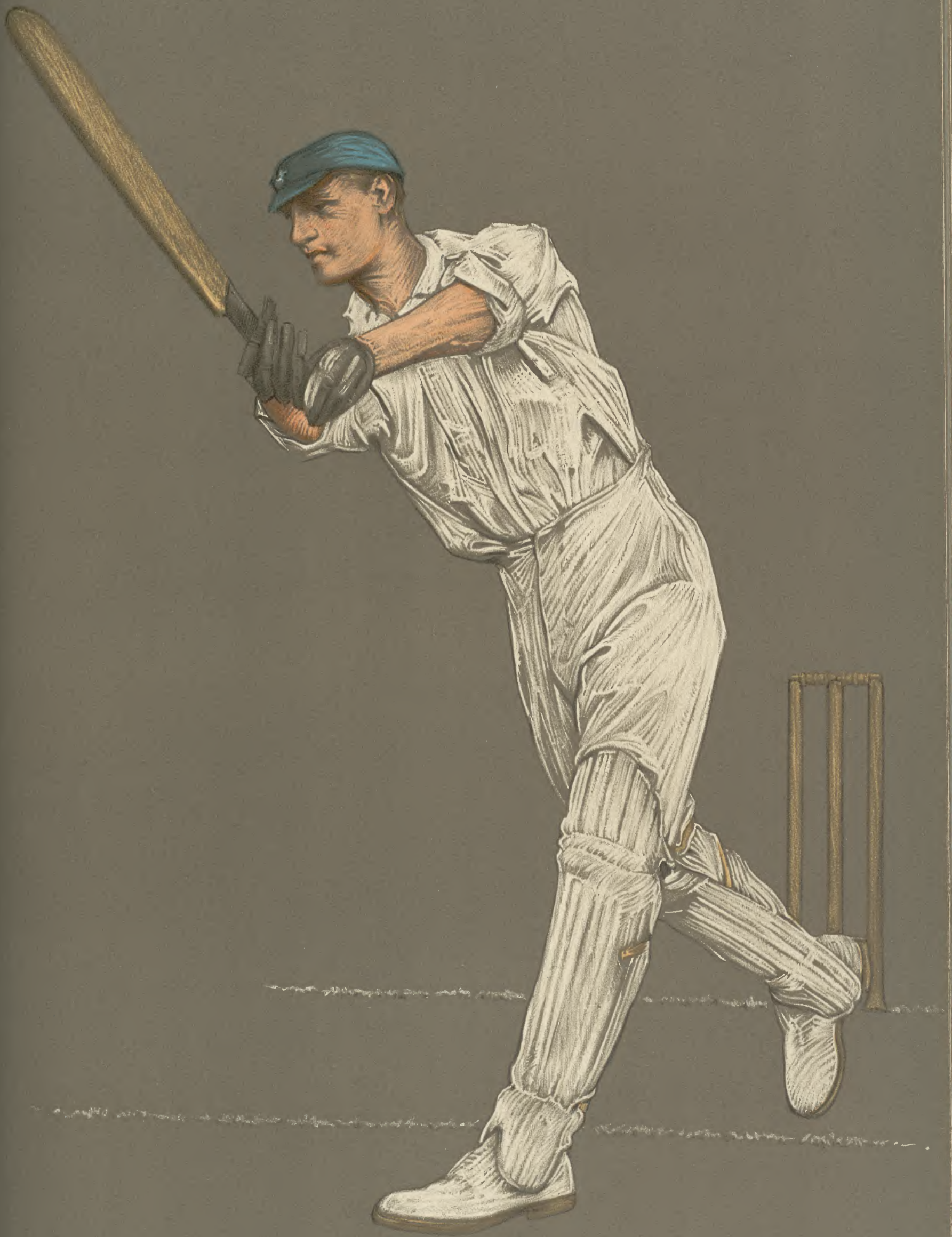
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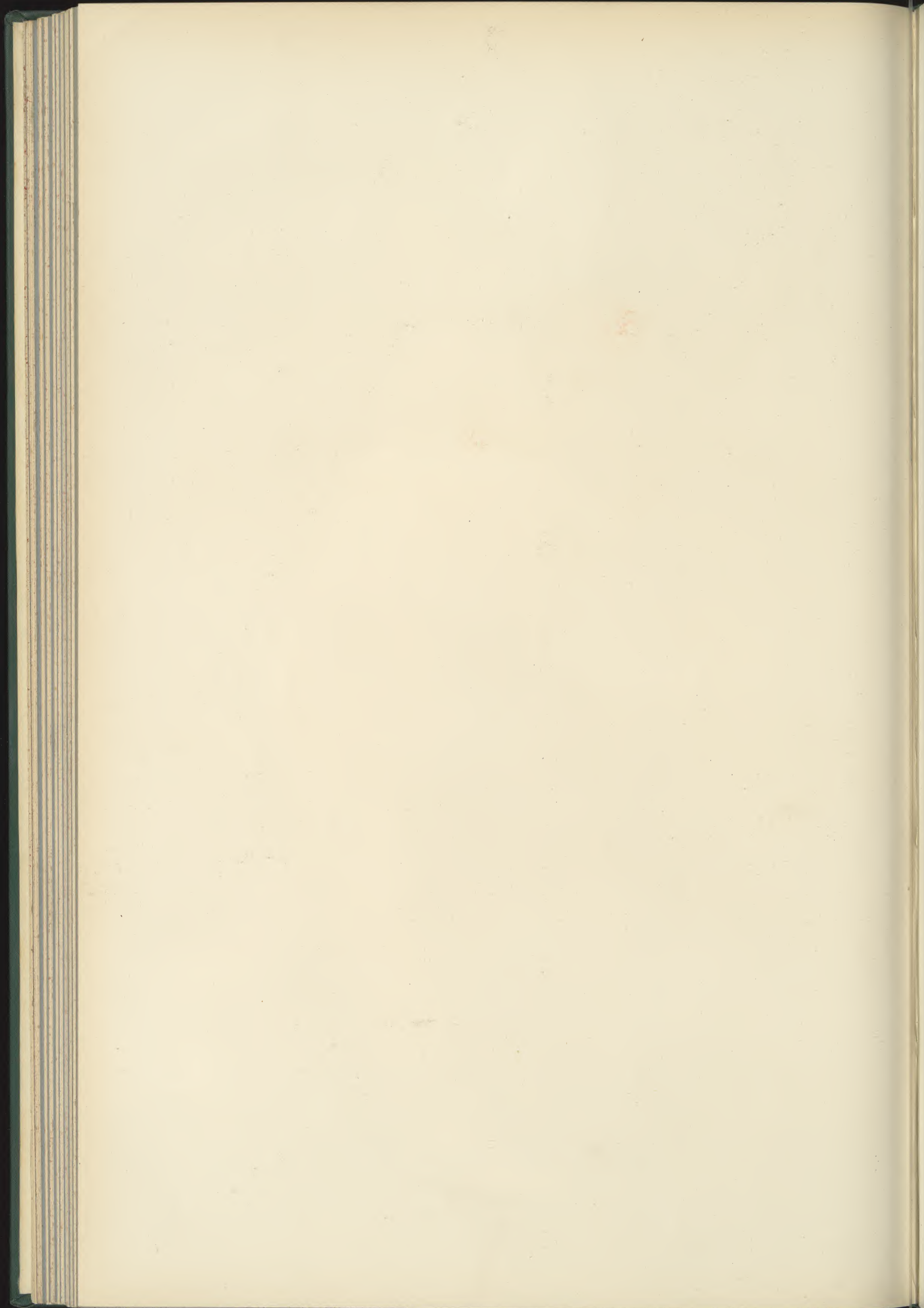
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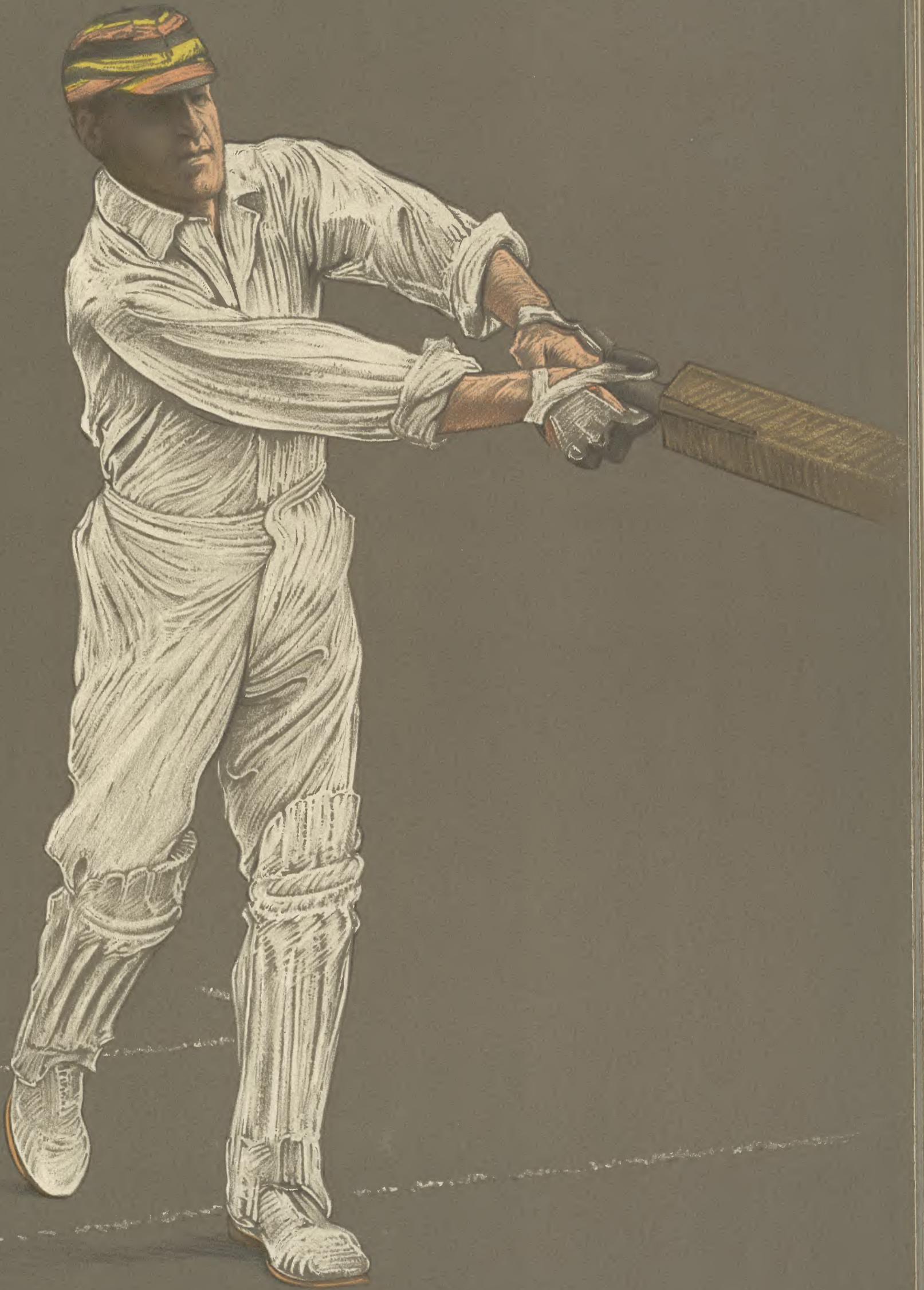
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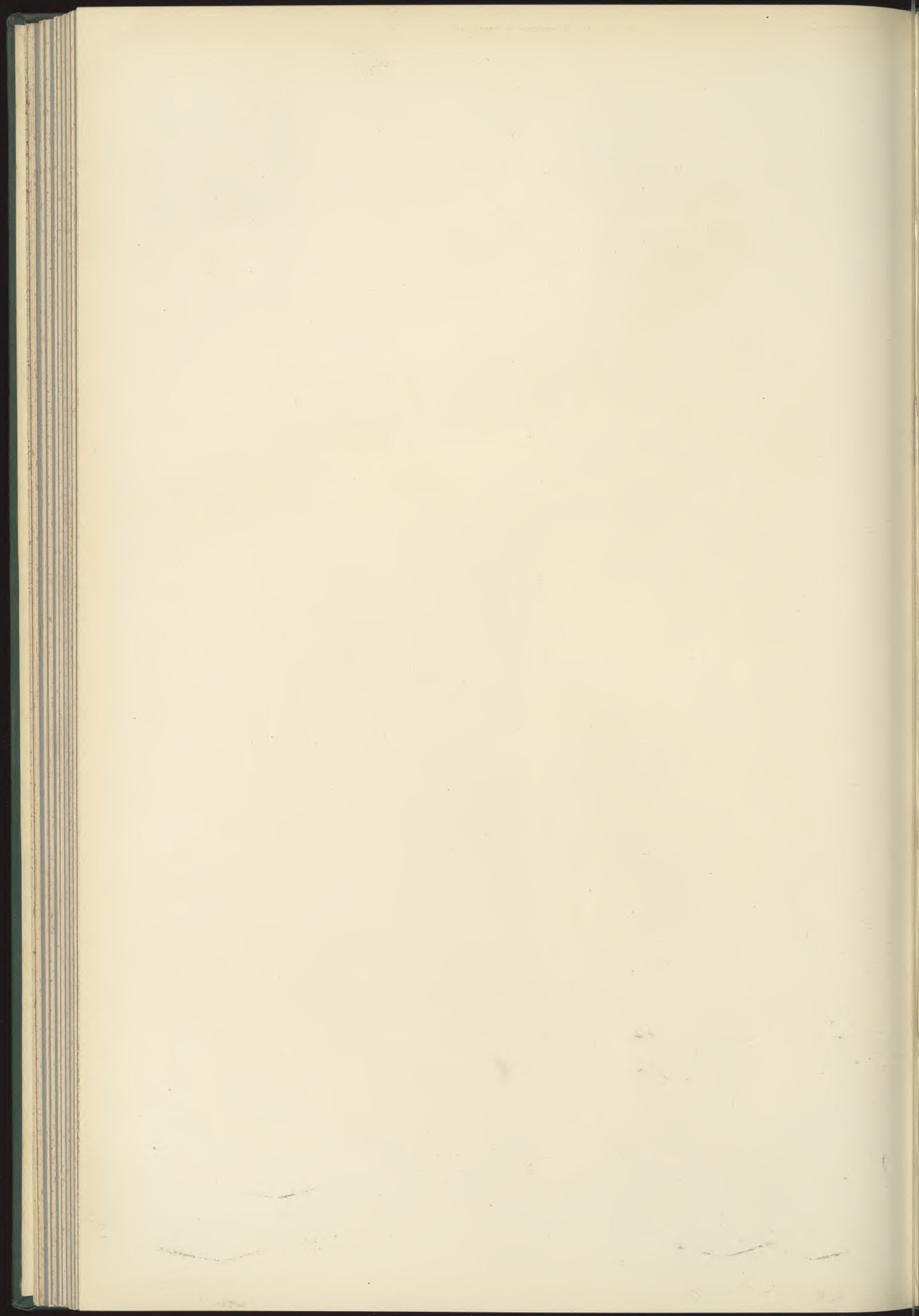


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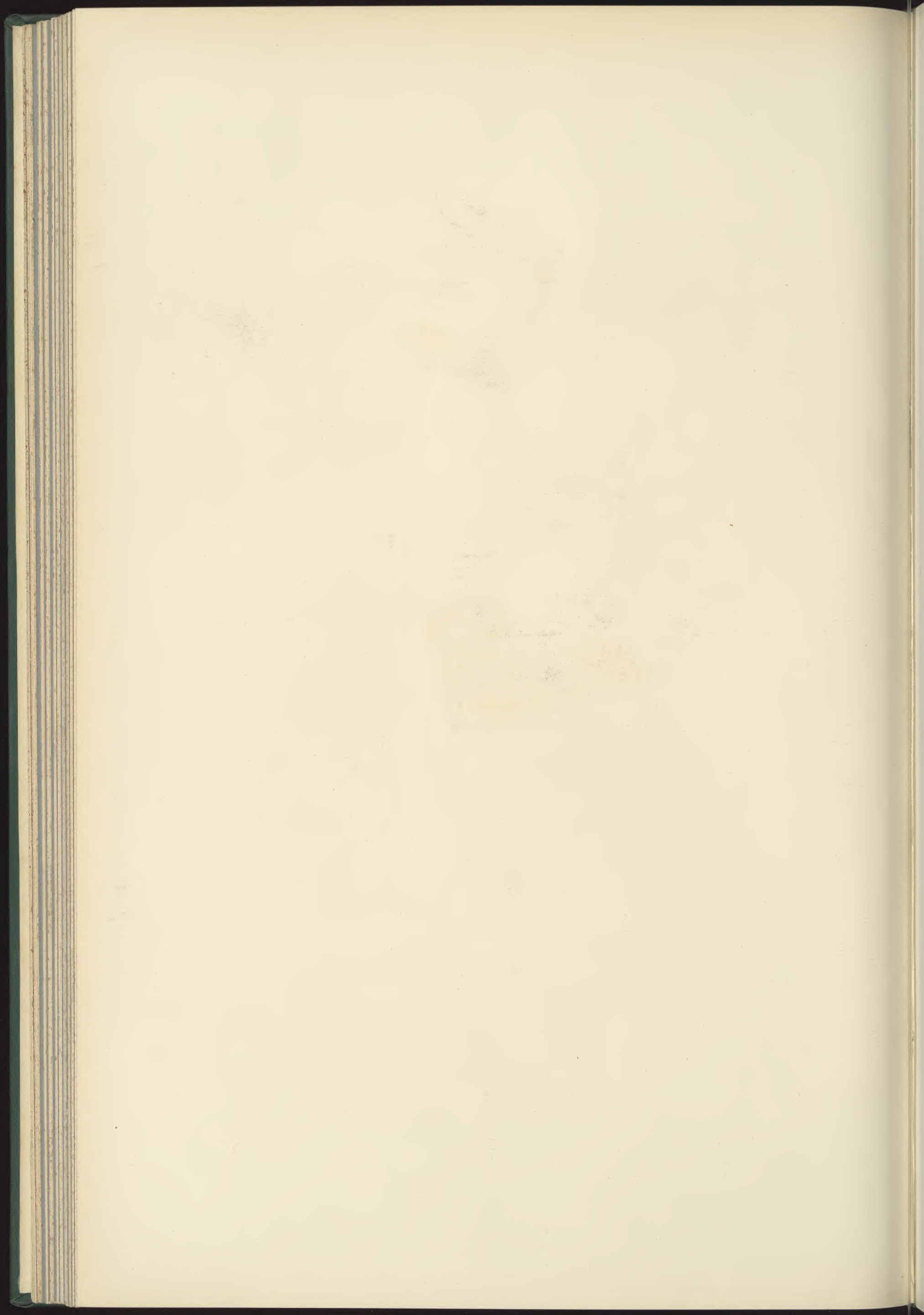
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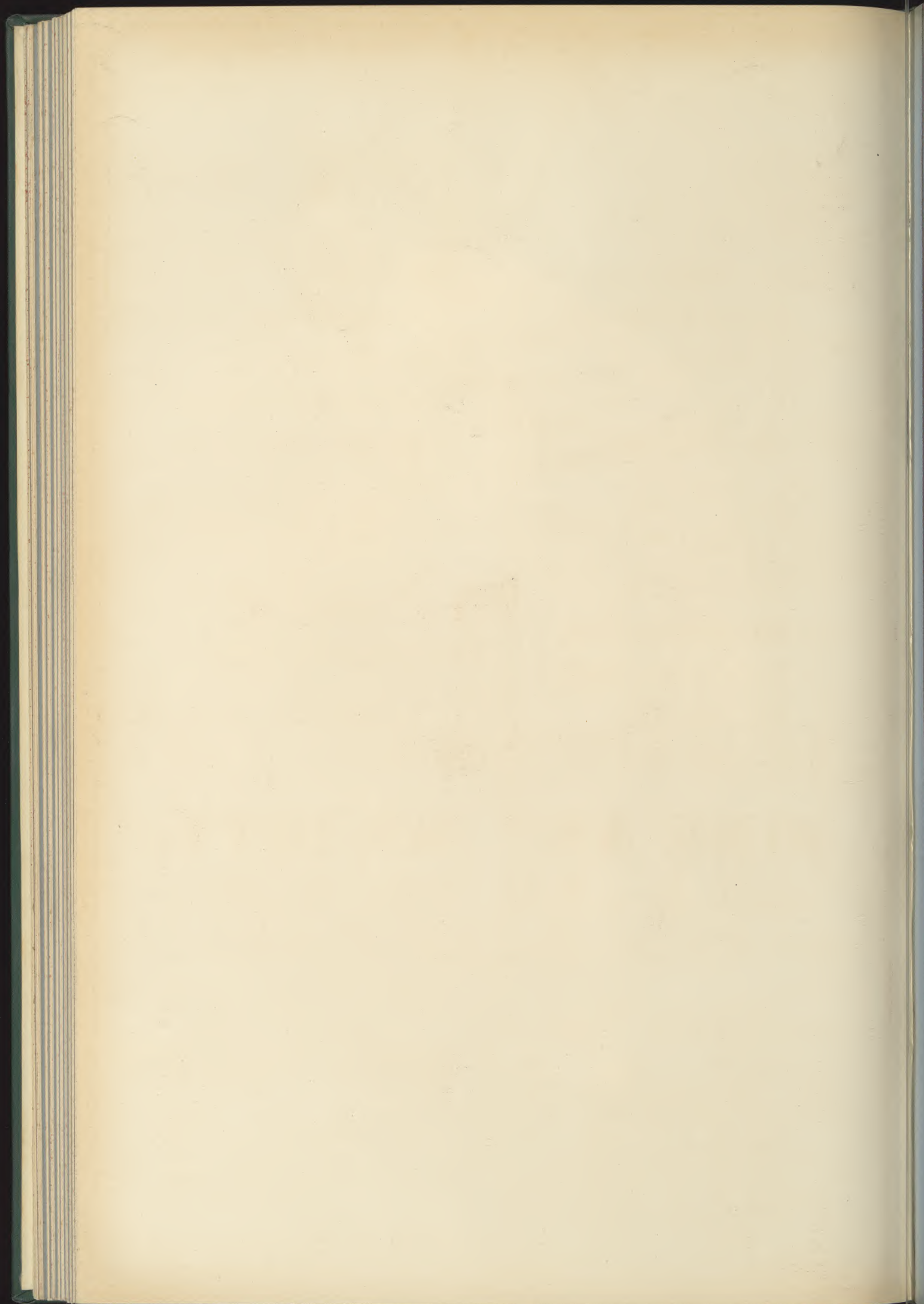
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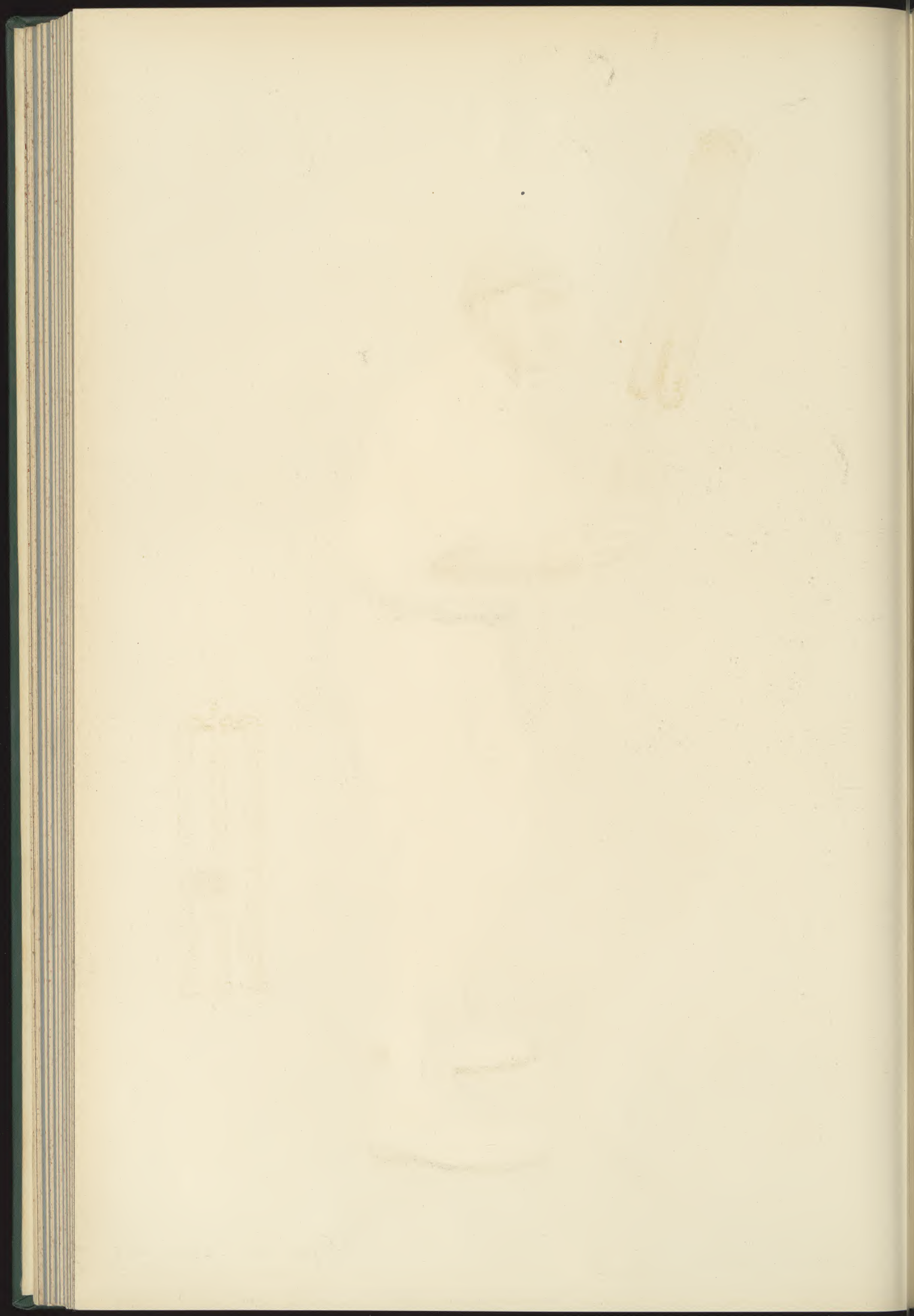


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—NEW SOUTH WALES.—

June 24th 1870.

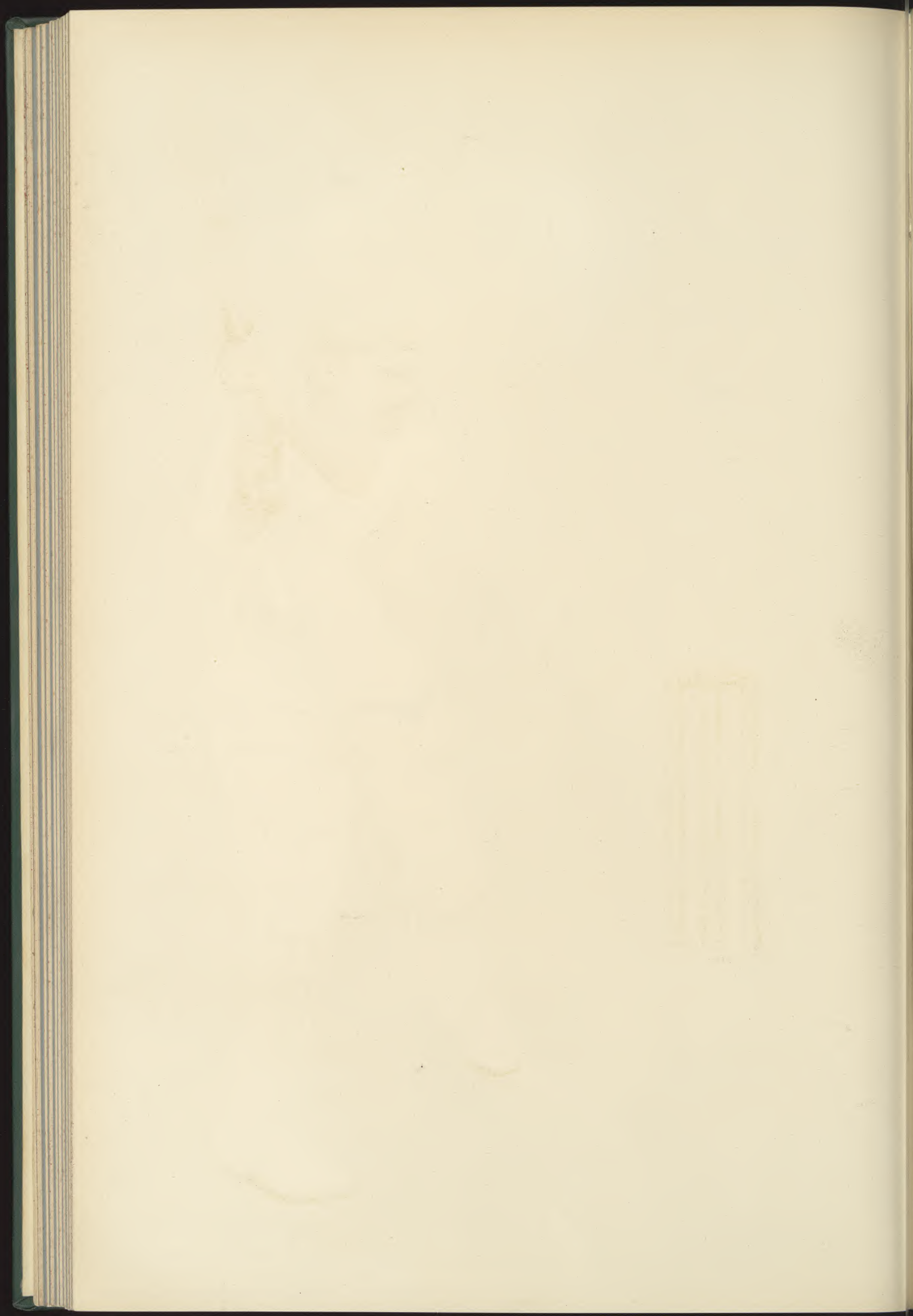
My dear Sir,

VERY few reports in the 2nd Gregory tour in England upon the last tour in 1868 when his father was engaged below his proper term and he only averaged 21 for 30 odd innings. The form and average do not always count for everything and being in mind for many fine performances in Test Matches especially the Selection Committee to Australia decided to include him in the team in spite of the "Aches," "Lumbagoes," &c. it cannot be said that he has done much better than in 1868. But it only was or two more of the form had played the same year as he did in the second innings of the Test Match at Sydney which would have had to be decided with a draw. He has more than once come to the rescue of his side in Test Matches in London—side at the Oval in 1867 and 1870 generally saved his side—and in 1868 he headed the Australian batting averages in which was included his remarkable century at London at Lord's in the Test Match. For the time being he seems to have got his old form with him without but he will have to wait until he is in a slightly better way with his cutting and leg-braking being especially fine. As a batsman he has few equals even now and a man of his capacity in such a position is a valuable asset to any side. He is of a most cheerful disposition and does not take his retirement too seriously.



W. S. L. Gregory

A. Theobald Taylor. 1905.



Mr. Frank Laver.

— VICTORIA. —

Born December 7, 1869.

Finish of Delivery.



THE genial manager of the present Australian team first came over with the Australians in 1899. He was then sixth in the batting list with an average of 30 for 28 completed innings. But he was not called upon to do much bowling; his 23 wickets cost 26 apiece. As a batsman his style is rather ungainly, but, nevertheless, effective style and effectiveness do not always go hand in hand. It may not be generally known that an accident on board ship has decidedly handicapped him this year and prevented him from showing his true form with the bat. But as a bowler he has hitherto shown the best form of all the team. His fine bowling in the first Test Match at Nottingham, in which he took 7 wickets in the first innings, might have given Australia a decided advantage, had it not been for Trumper's unfortunate accident. He has a nice easy delivery, only running a few steps, and he mixes up his pace and pitch in a very deceptive manner. As a field he is very safe and one of the best in the team. He is also one of the best baseball players in Australia. As a manager there is not the slightest doubt that he is a general favourite with all those with whom he comes in contact, with his charming manner he could not be otherwise.

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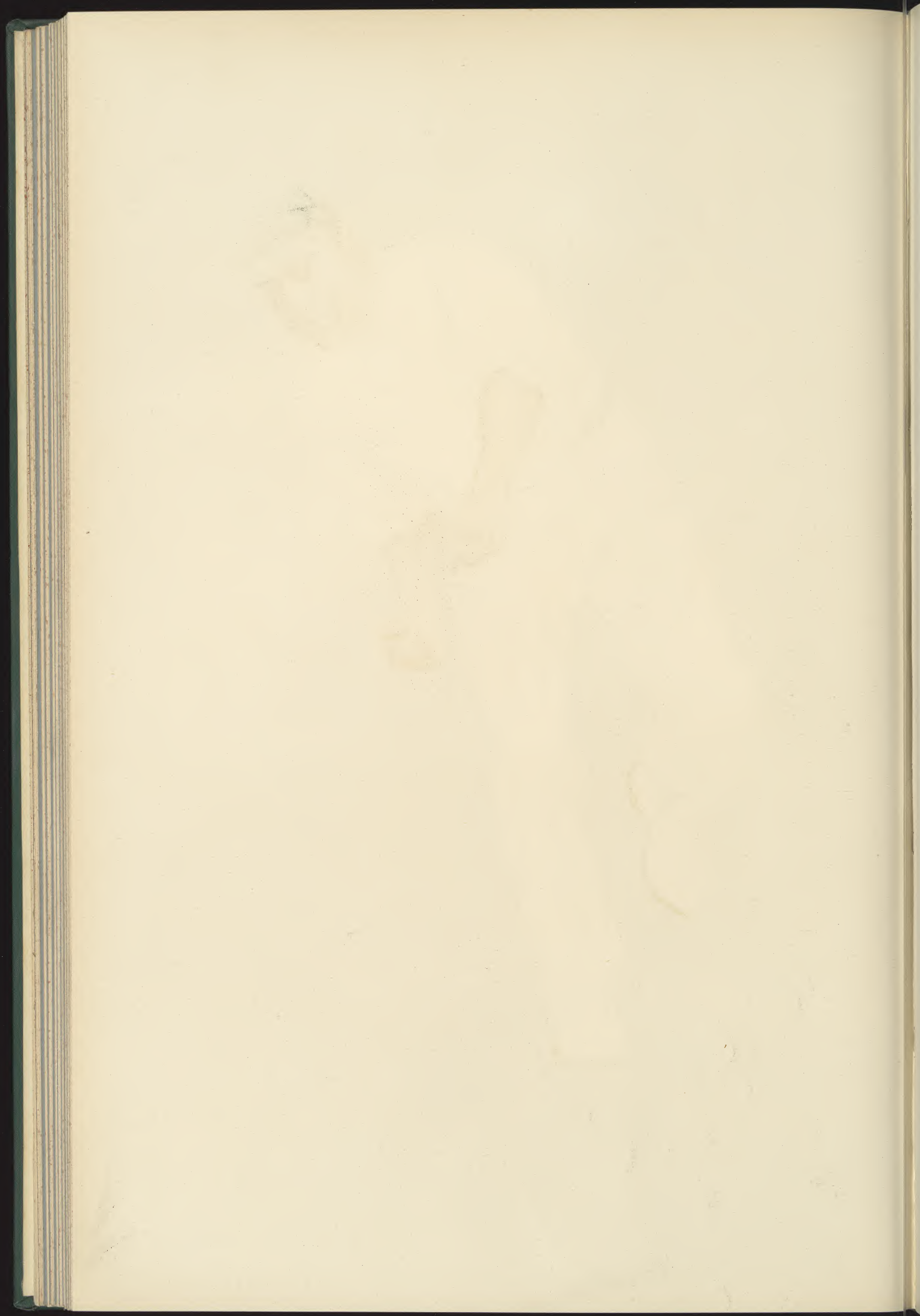
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THE first member of the present Victorian team that came with the Australians in 1880. He was then with the batting list with an average of 30 for 25 completed innings. But he was not called upon to do much bowling; his 25 wickets were 20 against. As a batsman his style is rather unusual, but nevertheless effective and characteristic. He does not always go hard in hand. It may not be generally known that an incident on board ship has decidedly handicapped him this year and prevented him from showing his true form with the bat. But as a bowler he has hit the mark the best form of all the team. His bowling in the first Test match at Sydney, in which he took 7 wickets in the first innings, might have given Australia a decided advantage had it not been for the injury's subsequent incident. He has a nice easy delivery, only throwing a few steps and he moves on his feet and back in a very deceptive manner. As a fielder he is very safe and one of the best in the team. He is also one of the best baseball players in Australia. The manager there is not the slightest doubt that he is a general favorite with all those with whom he comes in contact with his batting. It would be well to know his batting



W. F. Laver

A. Theobald Taylor. 1905.



Mr. Percy Perrin.

— ESSEX. —

Born Stoke Newington, Middlesex, May 26, 1876.

Ready to play.



IF only one could get together those cricketers who were rejected on their first trials, and who, after throwing in their lot with their counties, rose to the first rank, what an excellent team they would make! Middlesex might have had this fine batsman, but unluckily he failed to show any promise in one or two Second XI. trial matches. He first learnt his cricket at Hemel Hempstead, and then at Margate College. His first appearance for Essex was in 1896, and he showed such promise that he was second in the batting averages. Since then he has done many fine performances for Essex, and many are the big innings standing to his credit. His largest score was made last year, when he was not out v. Derbyshire with 343 to his name. Even greater honours would await him if only he had shown anything approaching high-class form in the field; but though he has a safe pair of hands, he cannot be called even a good field. He is very strongly built and has an exceedingly fine pair of wrists; he gets distinct leverage of the bat from his wrists, which makes his strokes look as if they were played with no effort at all. There are not many finer batsmen to watch when he is in form.

Mr. Percy Pettit

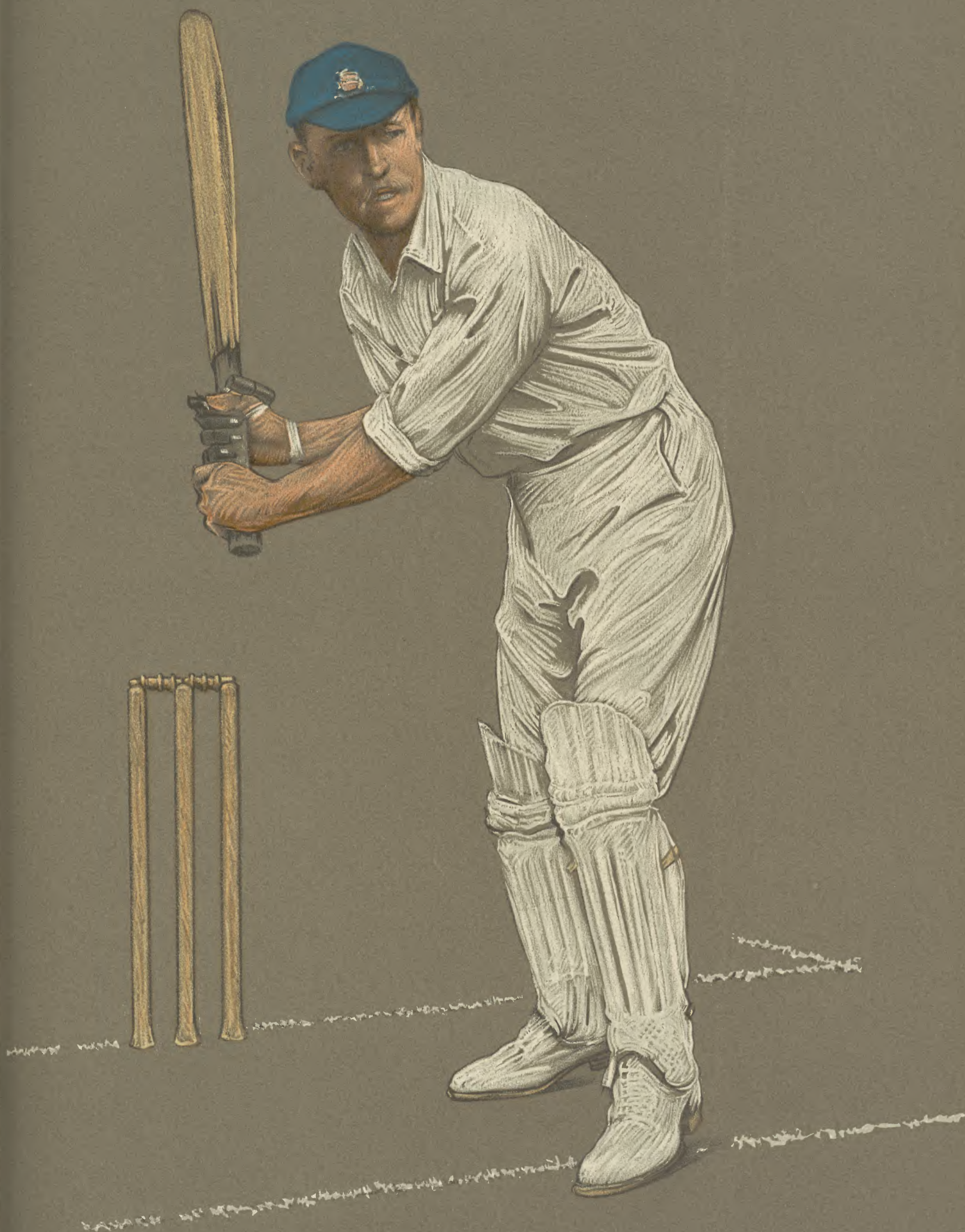
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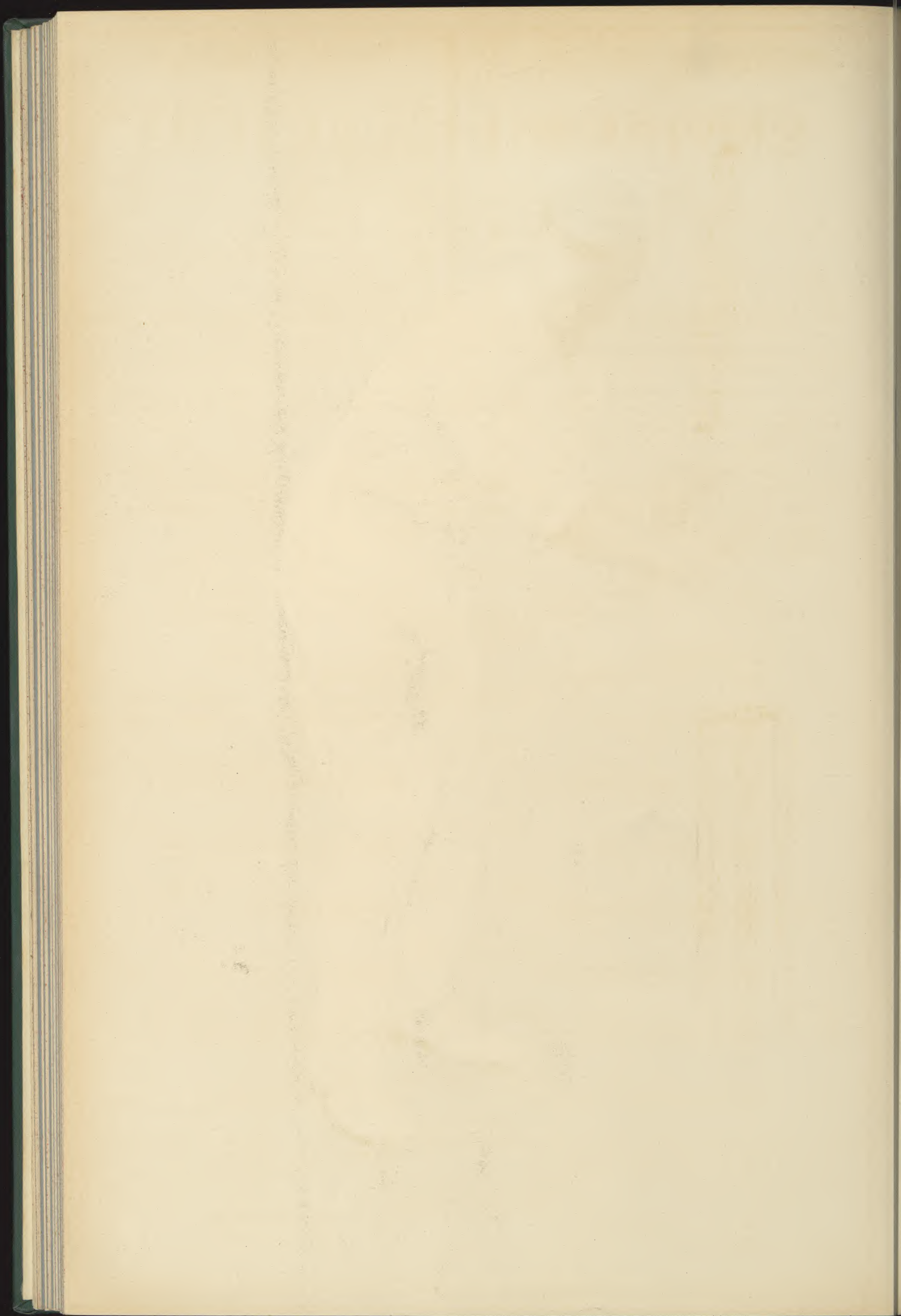
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If only one could see together those
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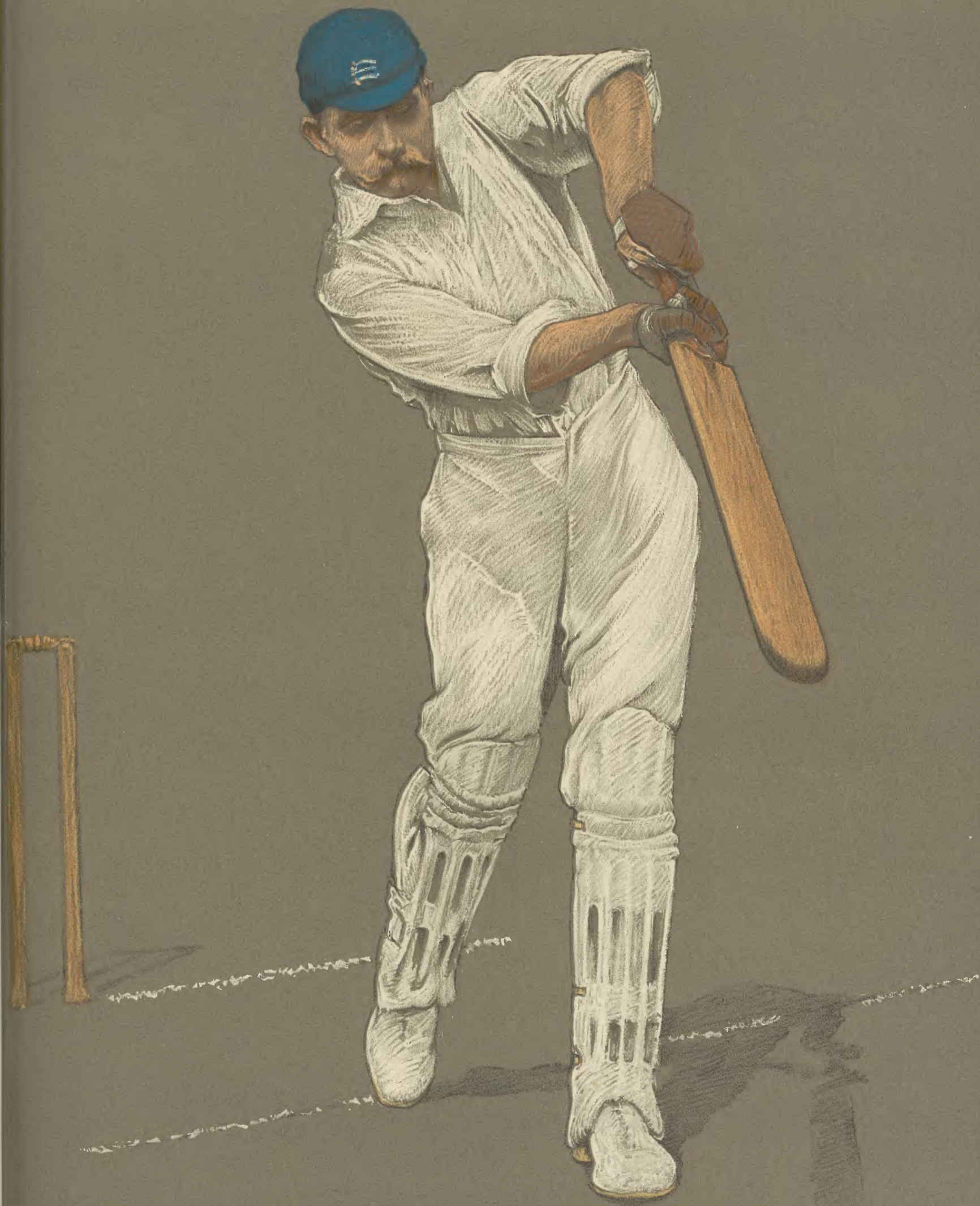
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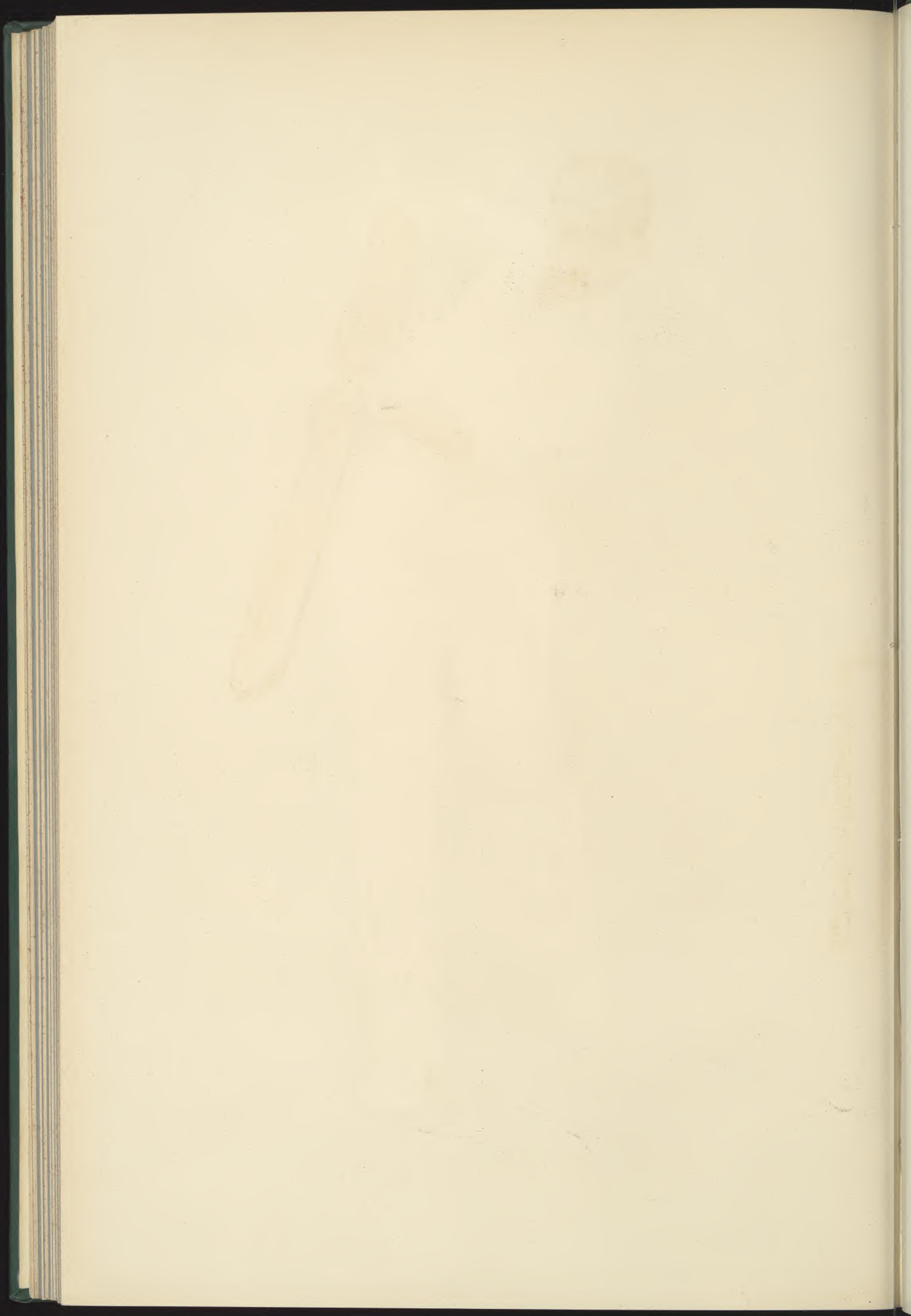
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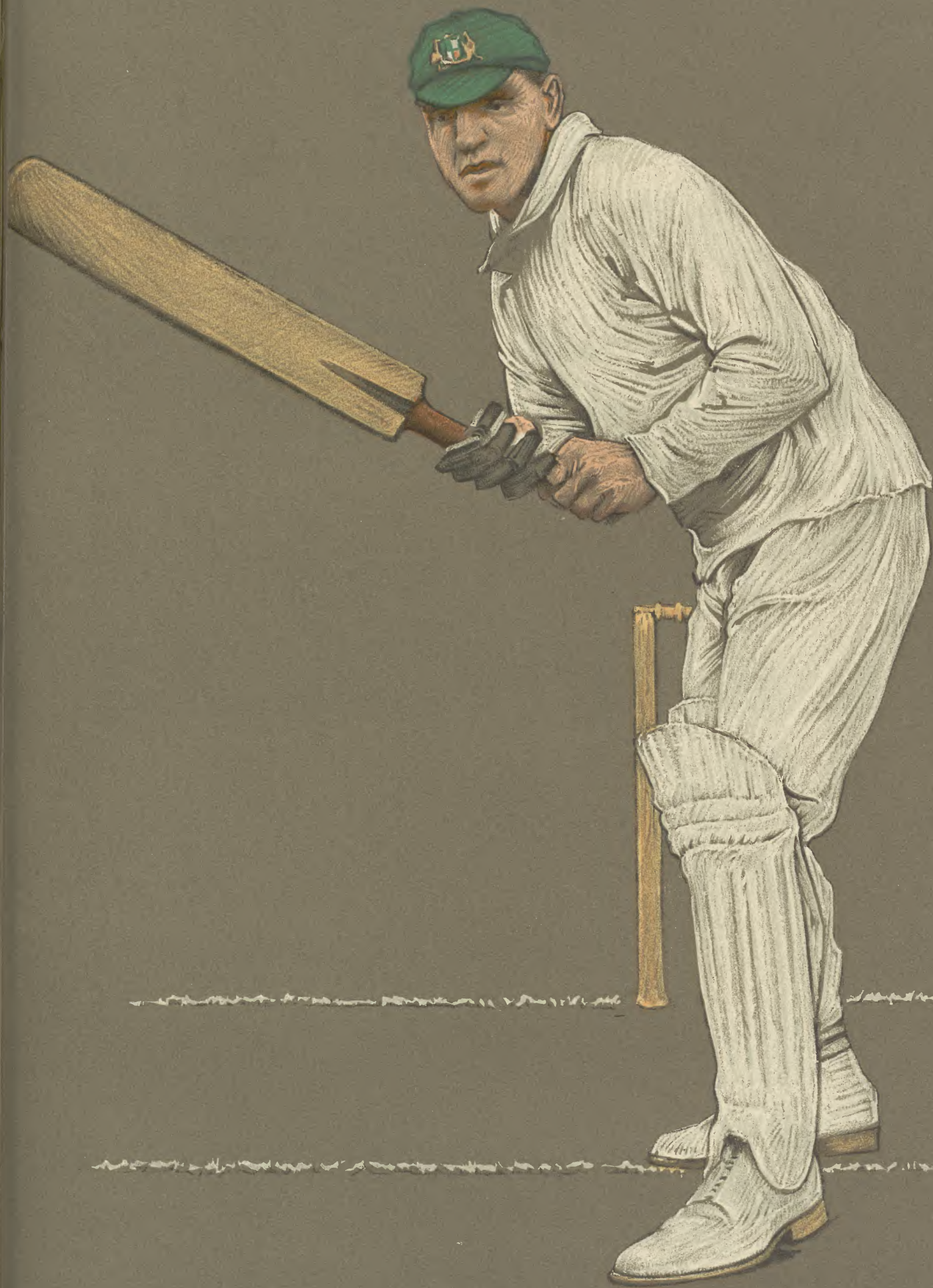
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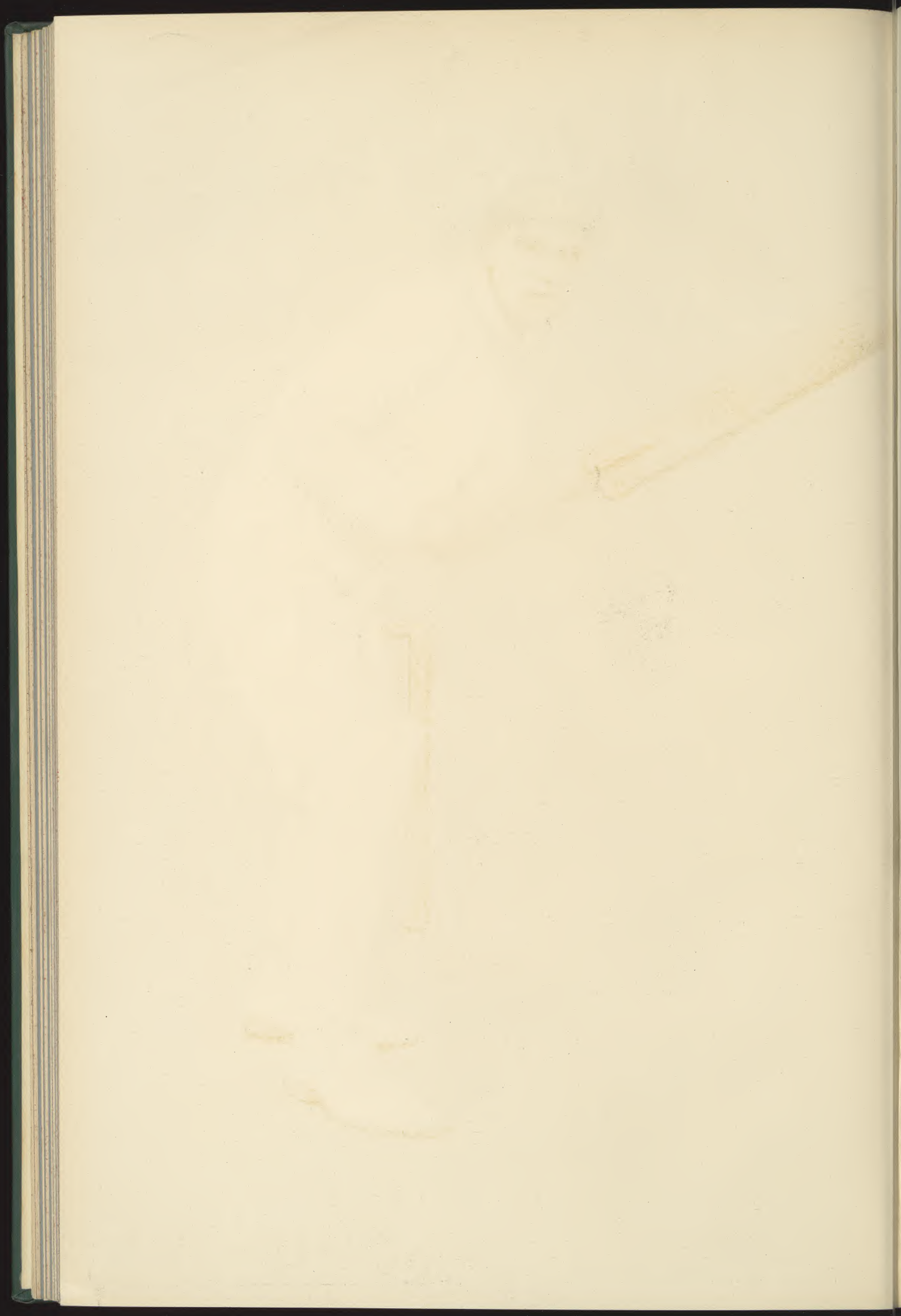


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Born Exmouth, Devon, November 7, 1876.

Finish of Delivery.



WHEN Arnold first played for the county of Worcestershire he was not an immediate success, and Millward, the well-known umpire and late of Worcester County, who is supposed to have discovered him, was naturally anxious after being the means of his qualification. But Millward always had great faith in his discovery, and felt sure he would sooner or later justify his confidence in him. But the extent to which it has been justified could not have been foretold. To-day Arnold is looked upon as indispensable, taking his bowling alone, in an England team. And when one takes into consideration that he fairly often brings off a century for Worcestershire, it will be seen what a useful all-round man he is. At first he used to get many wickets by an especially good slow off-break, mixed in with others; but latterly he has cultivated the swerve, and is a decidedly dangerous bowler at any time, but especially with a new ball. Whether this swerve—which no doubt he learnt from his famous confrère G. Wilson—has improved his bowling is an open question, but since he bowled it he seems to have used that deadly slow ball at rarer intervals.

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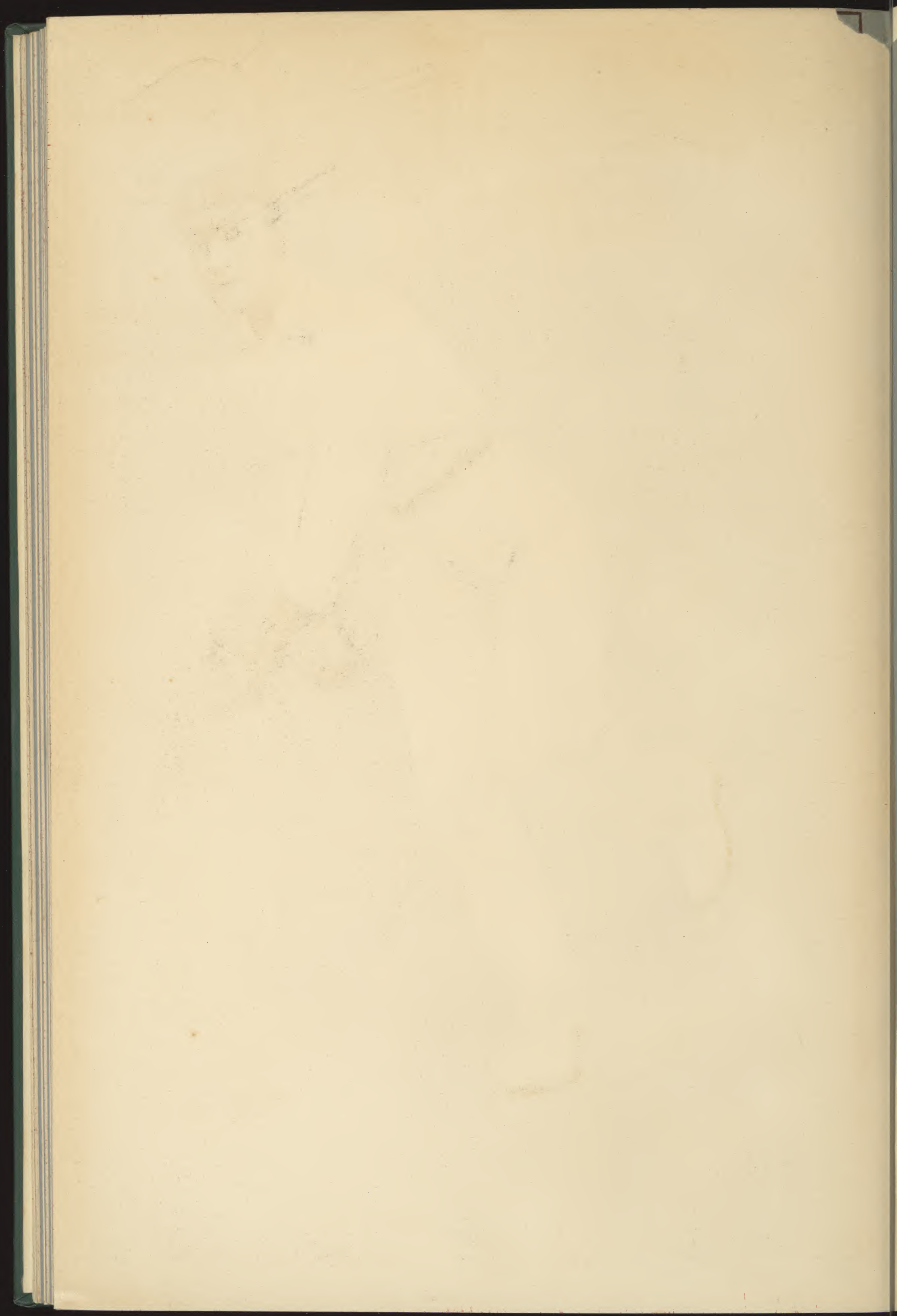
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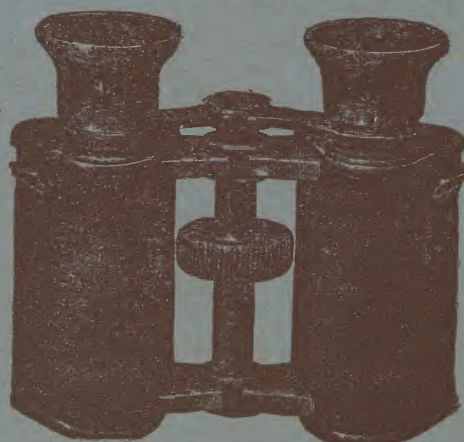
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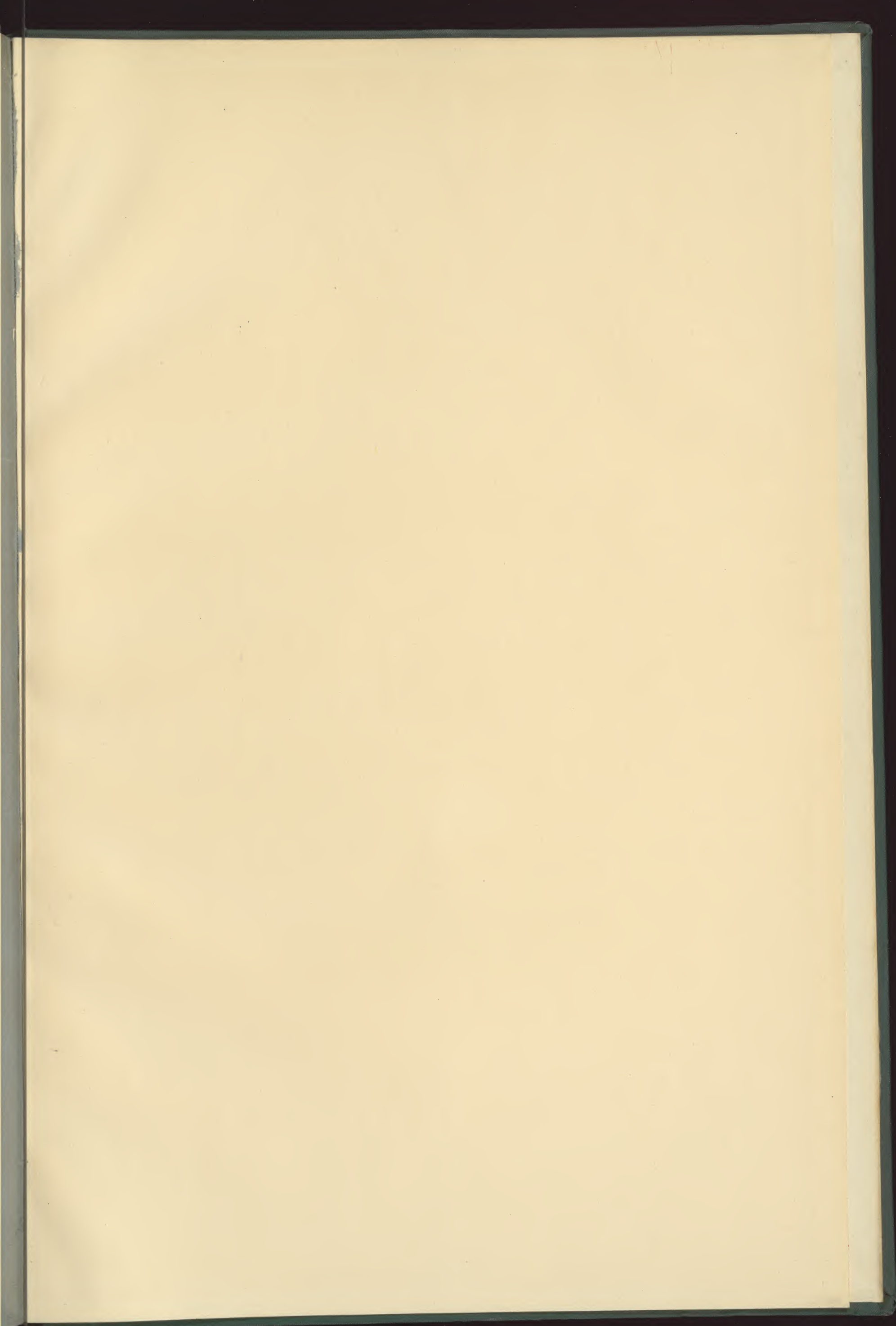
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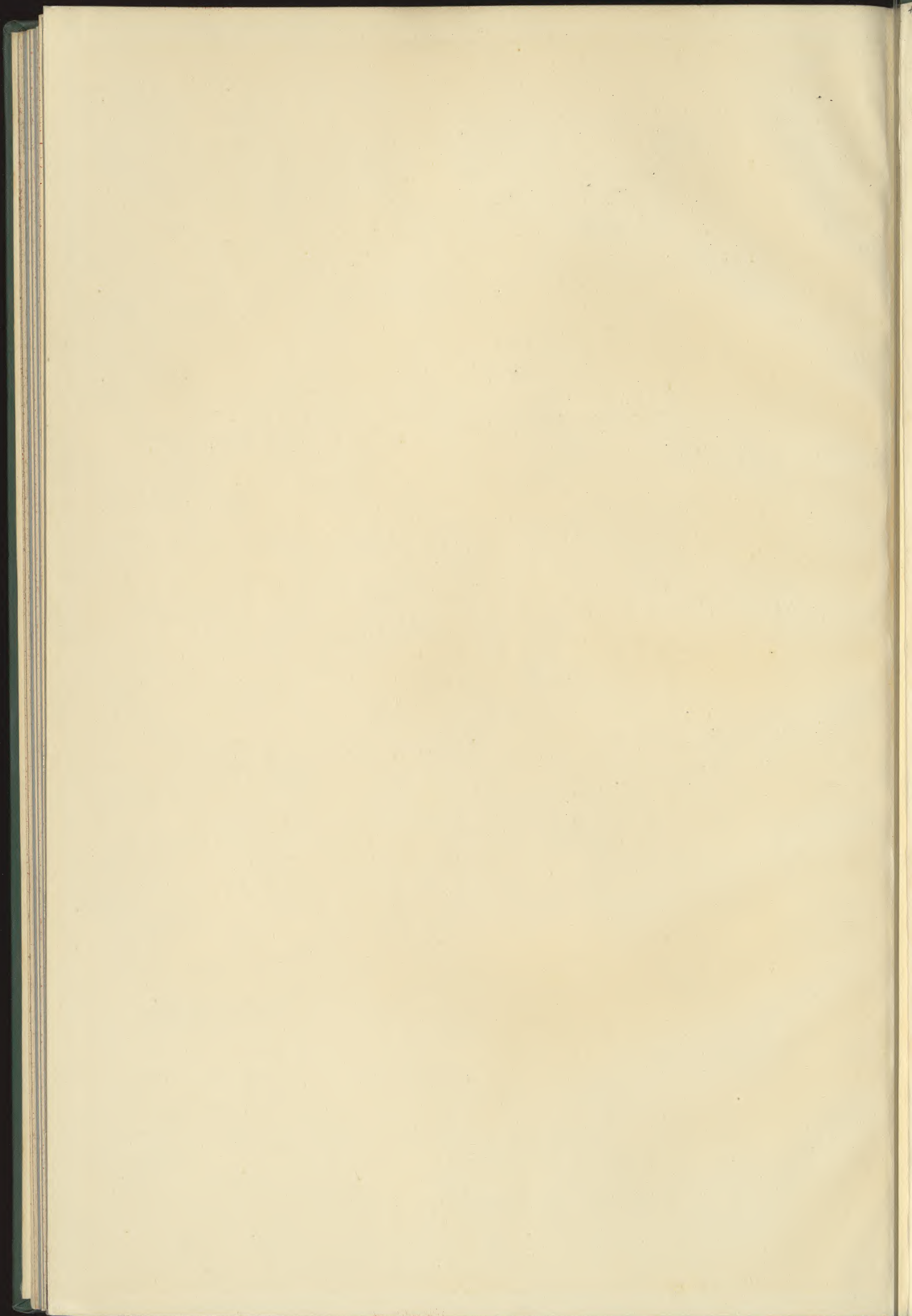


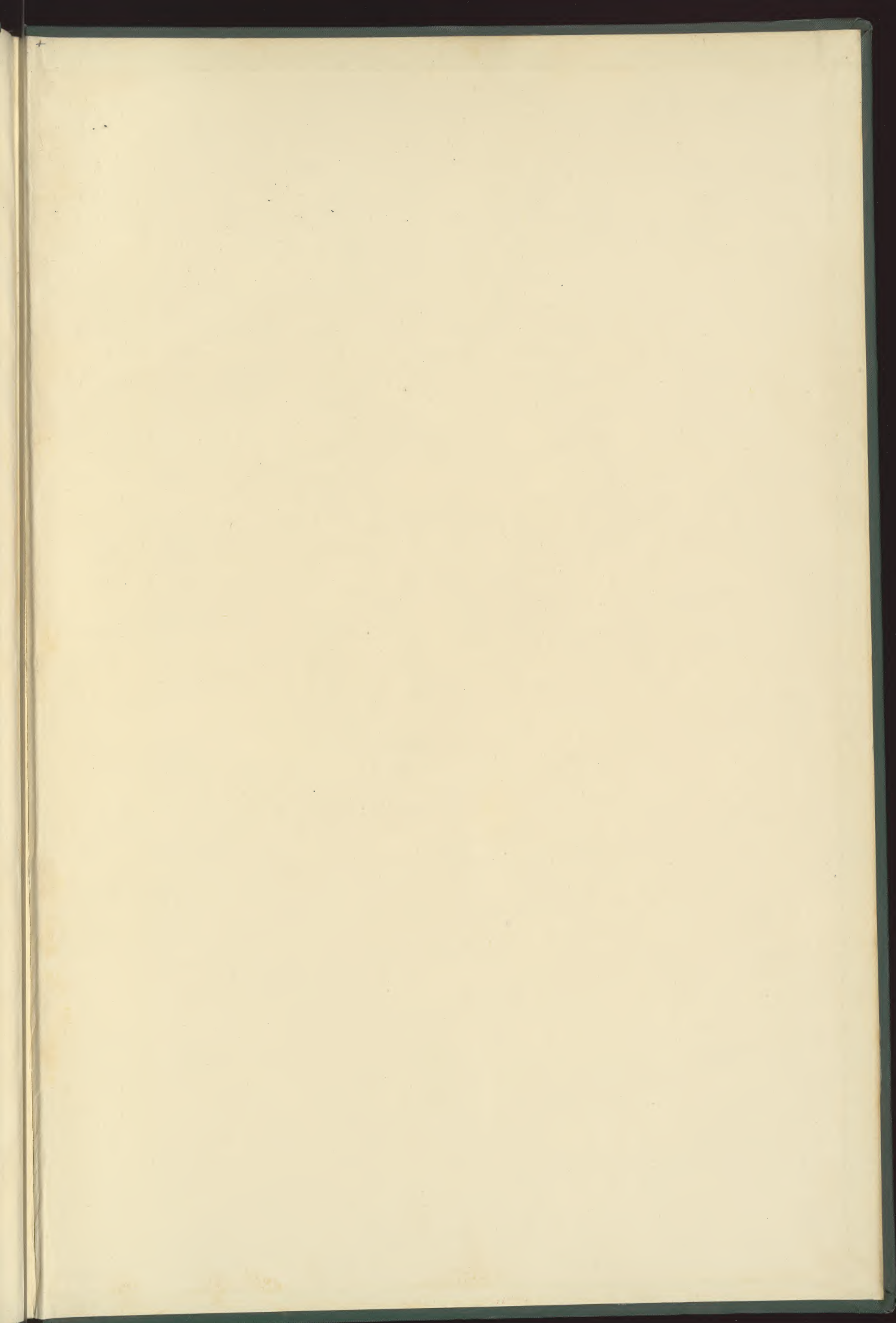
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